

# OPERATING AT THE PEAK

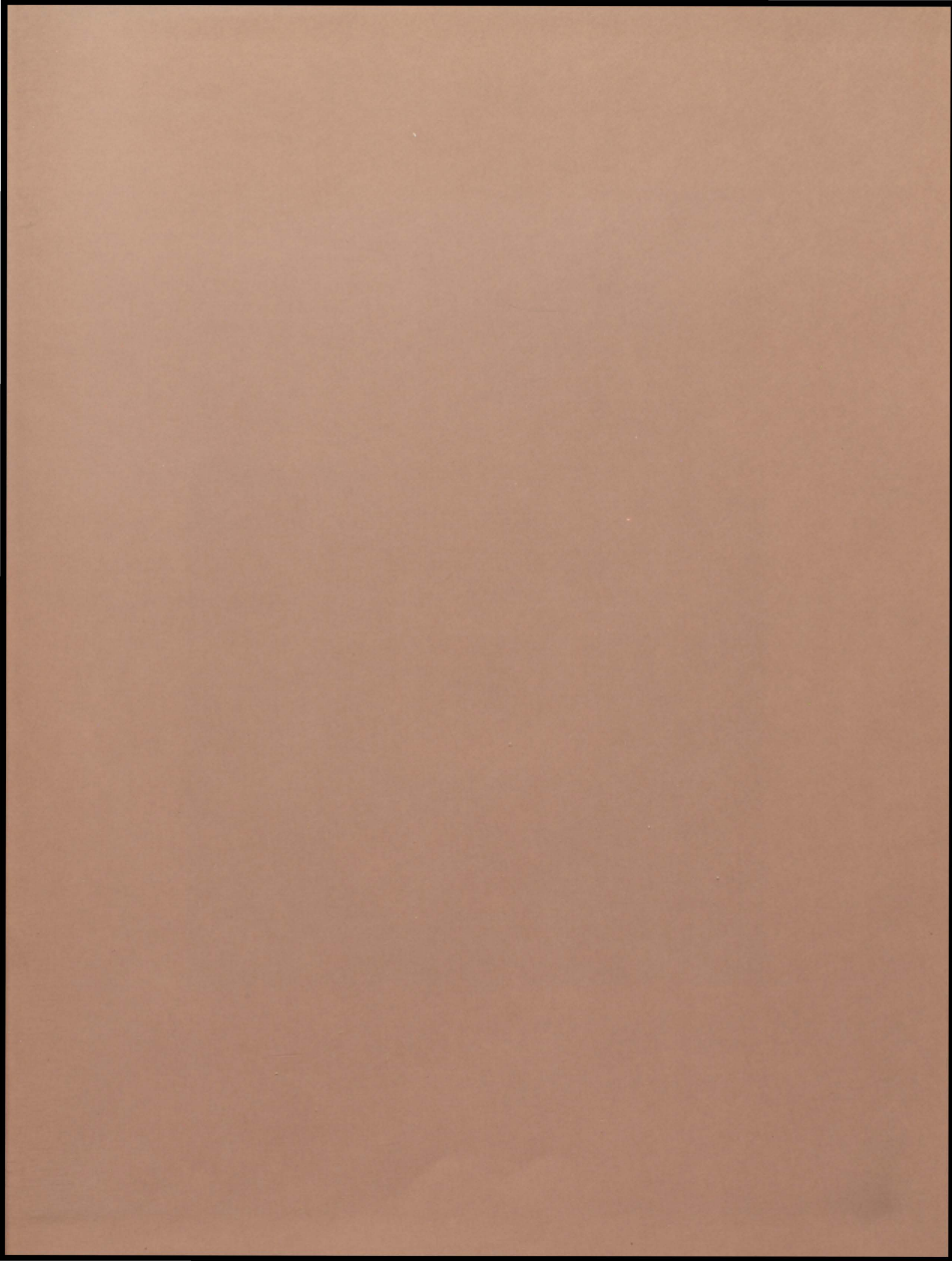


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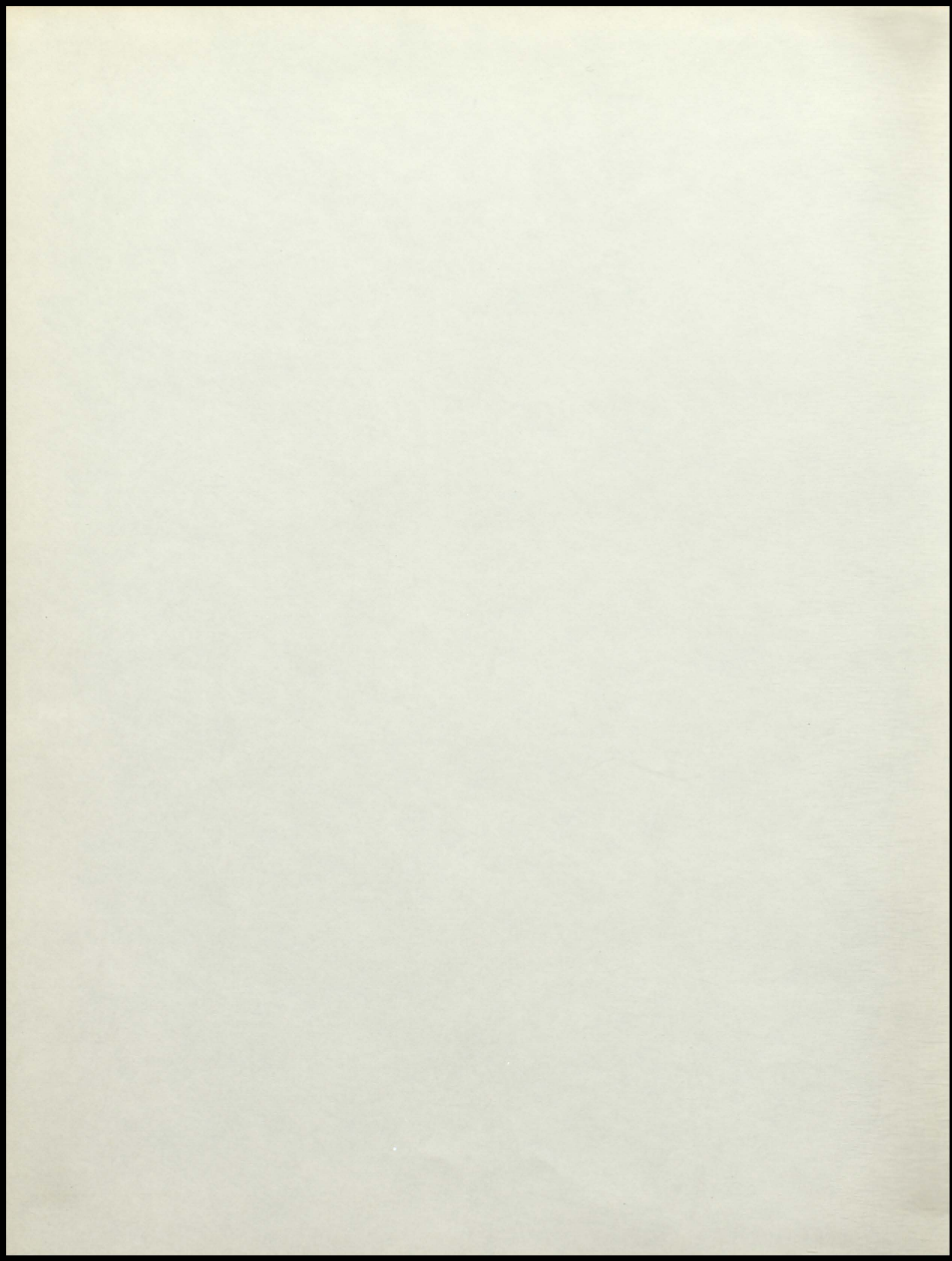














*THE SHIELD*  
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*Middlebury, Indiana*  
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# MOVING UP IN A GROWING WORLD

We started on the ridge when the school opened in 1969. Now, in our eighth year, we're operating at the peak. Enrollment increases substantially each year, and now we are rapidly approaching our building's capacity of 650. Plans are underway to construct additional classrooms and an auditorium to alleviate the space

squeeze.

School spirit is strong. As one cheer expresses it, "We're at the peak of our winning streak." And when we don't quite meet up to that peak we still have Raider pride. During this year we're also broadening our horizons, expanding curriculum and the athletic program.









The Trade Festival has a favorite for everyone, and Lisa Yoder happens to like the Merry-Go-Round. School work may not be Amy Fredrick's favorite subject, but it's one of those things we all have to do once in a while.



Rita Bontrager and Kevin Schmidt look over memories of last year.



School spirit goes along with a "Good Year" and Patrice Eash knows how to show it.





# ENJOYING LIFE TO ITS FULLEST

Operating at the peak doesn't refer to climbing mountains. It's not physical height we mean, although it can be expressed that way. The peaks we are talking about refer to the increase

in enrollment, awareness and school spirit. Our school has come such a long way and it's all on account of the people who have made it what it is.

Cheerleading practice offers Debi Oesch and Carol Snider a chance to discuss the events of a busy day.

Juniors, Randy Hershberger, Randy Mockler, Scott Harper and Dean Miller appear to be enjoying the activities at the Middlebury Trade Festival.

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The front foyer is filled with seniors reminiscing about old times.

Dismissal at 3:20 is signalled by a bell and students walk to their cars and buses.



Salamanders and a turtle are held by Rod Lantz, Kevin Smeltzer and Gerald Kauffman.

Intently working on her English Lit. homework, Karen Kurtz concentrates.





# STUDENTS KEEP SCHOOL IN OPERATION

Some people feel it's the administration that keeps the school going. But that's not all true. Where would the Administration be without the student body? Let's just say without the students there would be no need for a school and no need for an Administration either. For these and many other reasons the students keep this school going. But wait! When we say school, do you think of all that homework you have piling up and papers to write? Maybe we're forgetting all the fun that comes along with school. The extra-curricular activities at home and at school, all these little extra events make up our lives and keep this school going. Let's take a look at the Student Life at N.H.S.



Both serious and lighter moments are recalled by juniors Barb Hart and Holli Hamilton.



Purdue's lead female vocalists sing a popular song.



Versatile Purdue Variety Band performed both instrumental and vocal music.



Trampoline artist Ron Smith coaxes Mr. Paul Wilkey into trying his skill while Dean Miller grins encouragement.



Mid-air somersaults and flips are executed by Ron Smith in a fast moving convocation.

## Local, Outside Talent Displayed

Candlelight procession began the halfhour Christmas concert given by the combined choirs of Northridge. New and old favorite carols were sung for the student body. The program closed with the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus."

Convocations planned by the Student Council included Ron Smith, a former junior Olympian trampoline artist. He not only performed series of solo stunts effortlessly, but also involved school staff members. Dr. Lynn Bollinger bravely tried out his trampoline skill, as did Mr. Steve Muck, Mr. Bob Heign, Mr. Paul Wilkey, Miss Gail Moody and Mr. Charlie Martin.

One last look at the Bicentennial was provided by a multi-media entitled "Count Me In." It took a more human view of Revolutionary history, featuring humorous elements like a nightly news broadcast from 1775. Student

volunteers acted out parts and assisted in the technical aspects of the production. Aspiring actor and staff lecturer of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, Jerry Falcone led the lively revue. He urged young people to create a better world, to truly bring people together, and to contribute to the progress of our nation.

Mime artist Bruce Rathbun enacted scenes from everyday life entirely in mime, holding his audience spellbound for almost an hour. He portrayed "The Concert," silently playing several instruments in the orchestra, "The Balloon Man," "Pro Golf," and his most memorable act, "Boxed in."

Popular songs were played and sung by the Purdue Variety Band. Interpretations by their dancers included selections from the Broadway musical "The Wiz," which was accompanied by the band and vocalists.



# Moments Of Suspense

A bicentennial salute to the Spirit of '76 served as the theme for Fall Homecoming on the night of a home game with Lowell. The impressive parade of Raider pride and patriotism featured colorful floats and elected class representatives, accompanied by their escorts. Carla Wyse represented the community as Miss Middlebury and

was chauffeured by Kevin Miller. Tara Kindy was elected Homecoming Queen by the student body from the four senior representatives. "The Raiders Are Coming" was the title of the winning float created by the sophomores which depicted the Old North Church and Paul Revere's Ride.

Alicen Terry, senior, smiles as she waits with her escort Tim Ryman for the final decision.



FRONT ROW: Fresh. Rep. Tami Troyer, Jr. Rep. Carol Snider, Sr. Rep. Karen Kurtz, Queen Tara Kindy, Sr. Rep. Alicen Terry, Sr. Rep. Karen Westerbeek, Soph. Rep. Tracey Peterson. BACK ROW: Fresh. Escort Tony Anderson, Jr. Escort Marlin Wallace, Sr. Escorts Bill Sonner, Phil Hochstedler, Tim Ryman and Jeryl Hochstedler, Soph. Escort Tony Fingerle.

Senior representative Karen Kurtz is accompanied by Bill Sonner.

Another senior, Karen Westerbeek is escorted by Jeryl Hochstedler.







Red roses are presented to newly-crowned Tara Kindy by Rick Robinson as the queen's escort Phil Hochstetler grins his approval.

Colonial flag and Betsy Ross portrayed by Maxine Troyer carry out the title on the seniors' float.

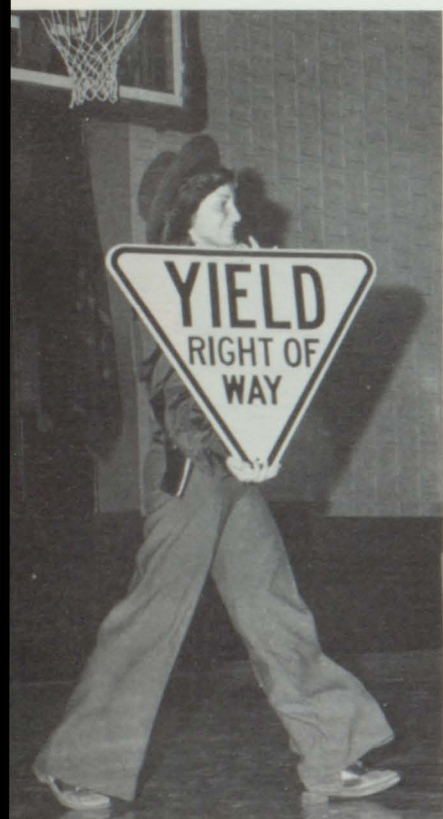


Football captain Rick Robinson congratulates Homecoming Queen Tara Kindy with a kiss.

Patriot Bonnie Weaver rings the liberty bell on the junior class float, driven by Gene Troyer.



Blindfolded Jim Bowlby plants a kiss on his mother in a kissing contest as Chris Yoder and Debi enjoy the action.



Traffic sign serves as a prop for Joann Graber in a pep session skit.

Names of varsity football players are drawn by cheerleaders Debi Oesch, Angie Miller, Chris Yoder, Cheryl Schrock and Carol Snider to pick contestants for the kissing contest.



## Spurring On Spirit

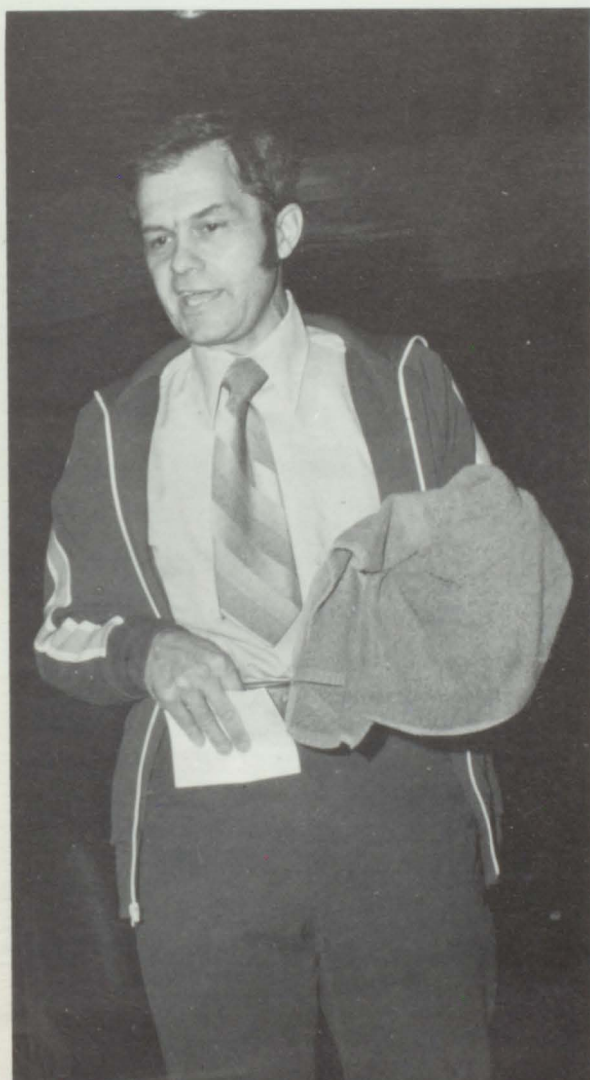
Participation by faculty members, mothers, players, and more students resulted in enjoyable pep sessions. Not only did three squads of cheerleaders give skits, but more female teachers relived their teen years by leading yells. Male teachers competed against each other in a brief game of basketball, with Mark Fisher and Steve Yoder serving as referees. Imitations of Coach Pratt and North Wood's Coach Gunn were presented by Mr. Dana Snider and Mr. Don Weirich.

Contestants in the kissing contest were football players Jim Bowlby, Brian Fry, Phil Pressler, Rick Robinson and Jim Swartz. They didn't know

they were kissing their own mothers instead of the cheerleaders until their blindfolds were untied. Determined by the applause of the students, winners of this unusual contest were Jim Bowlby and Jim Swartz.

Spirit Week, designed by cheerleaders to generate school spirit prior to the Basketball Sectional, consisted of Farmer's Day, 50's Day, Security Day, Green and Gold Day and Hat Day. More students dressed up for Spirit Week than in several years, demonstrating their Raider pride.

Enthusiasm beams from faculty members Mrs. Susan McCrumb, Mrs. Ruby Payne, Mrs. Kate Becker, and Miss Gail Moody (on top).



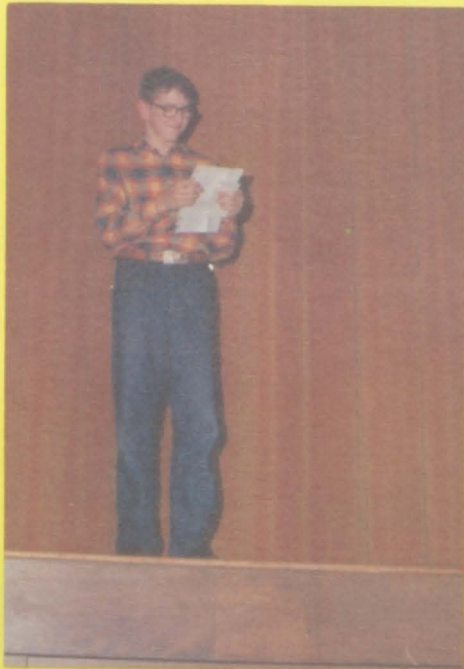
Mannerisms of Coach Pratt are copied by Mr. Dana Snider, imitating Pratt giving a pep talk.



# Entertainment *BIG* and *small*

Delivered in a crate, the Little People have arrived, and Master of Ceremonies Phil Hochstetler gives them a proper introduction.

Humor in a letter from home brightens Don Prough's day.



Baseball players Amy Fredrick and Nancy Culver argue "Who's On First," a comedy dialogue.

Towering over Phil Hochstetler, the giant creation of Greg Puckett and Kevin Miller announce the arrival of The Little People.





This Little Person waits for his buddies on the stage.

Adventures at Camp Grenada prompt Kathy Troyer to sing of her experiences.



Humorous dialogues, satire, commercials, musical ensembles and other talents are featured in the popular Green and Gold Preview. Sponsored by the student council and held in the fall, the annual event is as old as the school itself. The show's acts are performed by students and sometimes are original. The good-natured blend of serious and light moments provide entertainment for the student body as well as the community. Those involved in the production learn the technical elements of the theatre in addition to gaining stage experience. Proceeds from Green and Gold Preview help support other student council projects.



Our own "Smooch" imitates the rock group "Kiss" in concert.



Mysterious balancing feat is accomplished by magician Doug Eash and his unseen partner, Jeff Yoder.



# *Pep Band, Raider Rockettes Add Spice To Halftimes*

Raider Fight Song, played by the pep band, is usually one of the first sounds to greet the ears when entering a pep session. In addition to pep sessions, the band also plays at halftimes of varsity and junior varsity basketball games and between games, as well as providing music for the routines of the Raider Rocketters. Occasionally, a student director such as senior Anita Mock conducts the ensemble.

Brand new pompons and fresh routines gave the Raider Rockettes a different look. For the first time, participation in the group was offered as a class during band, on an audition basis as in the past. Co-captains LeAnn Ryder and Holli Hamilton composed the routines with the help of sponsors Mrs. Linda Kaminskis and Miss Mary Ulrey.

Carefully listening, Miss Mary Ulrey directs pep band.

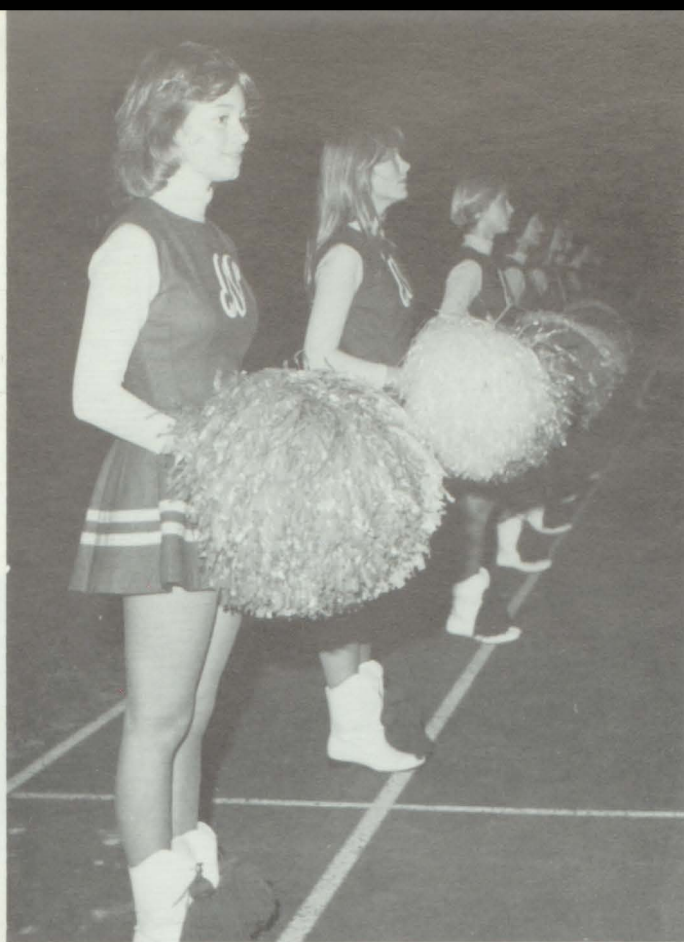


Drummers Jeannie Graber and Tara Kindy keep the beat.

Trumpets, clarinets, and trombones contribute much sound to the playing of the school song.

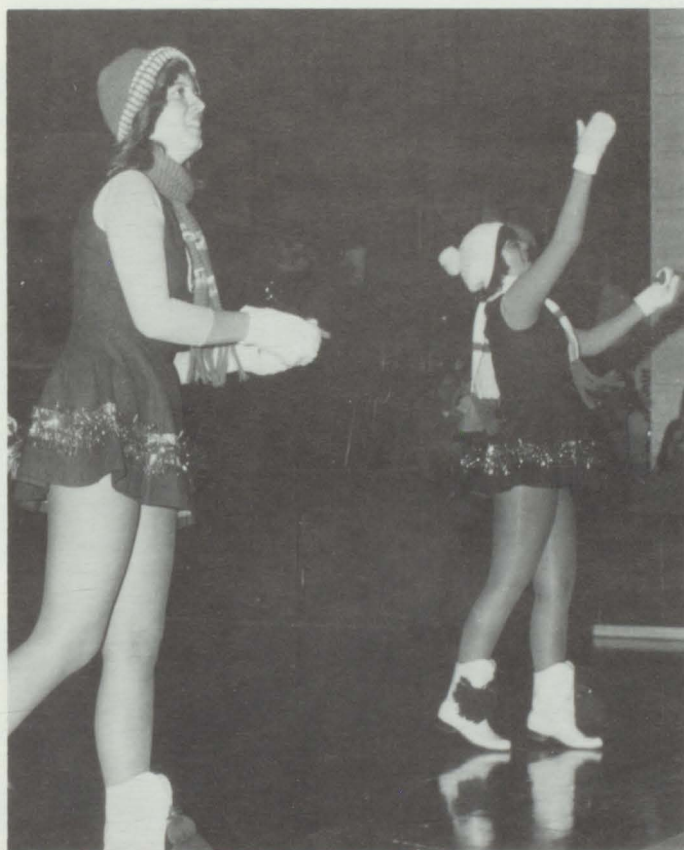






Pompons ready, Denise Eash, Kim Burt and Lori Adamson line up.

New pompons are fluffed by the Rockettes as sponsor Mrs. Linda Kaminskis instructs.



"Merry Christmas!" is wished by Patrice Eash and Sara Nusbaum as they throw candy to basketball fans.

Frosty the Snowman, portrayed by Marla Ross, leads the girls in a parade around a tiny Christmas tree.



Violent outburst by Helen (Debi Oesch) tries her teacher's (Melissa Moseng) patience.

Touching climax occurs when Helen Keller, portrayed by Debi Oesch, connects words with their meanings. Jan Jines, Keith Carlin, Amy Metzler, Scott Robinson, Kathy Troyer, Jeanine Hout, and Jeff Beachy witness the event.



Supervision of make-up application is one of the tasks of director Miss Mary Zimmer.

Puzzled by Jeff Beachy and Jeanine Hout talking, Helen (Debi Oesch) tries to speak.



# In Spotlight: *Darkness Shattered*

Conflict at the dinner table centers around Miss Sullivan's treatment of Helen, which the Kellers feel is unfairly severe.



Content with her doll, Helen (Debi Oesch) is flanked by Jan Jines and Amy Metzler.



Parting advice to Miss Sullivan is delivered by Dr. Anagnos (Rusty Graber) before she leaves for the Kellers.

Miss Ann Sullivan's struggle to enlighten Helen Keller's dark and silent world with communication and meaning sprang to life on stage when "The Miracle Worker" was presented as the spring play. Written by William Gibson and the first serious drama performed at Northridge for several years, it was well-received by a moved audience on April 1 and 2.

Miss Mary Zimmer directed the cast of fourteen, who rehearsed for two months to polish the show. Pouring tremendous physical and emotional energy into their roles, Debi Oesch played the part of young Helen Keller, and Melissa Moseng portrayed her teacher, Miss Ann Sullivan. Scott Robinson became James Keller, the rebellious half-brother of Helen. Making their debut were Jan Jines and Keith Carlin as Helen's parents; also,

Kathy Troyer, who took the role of Viney, a servant in the Keller household. Amy Metzler played the part of meddling Aunt Ev. Hope Foster served as student director, assisted by Dave Berry.

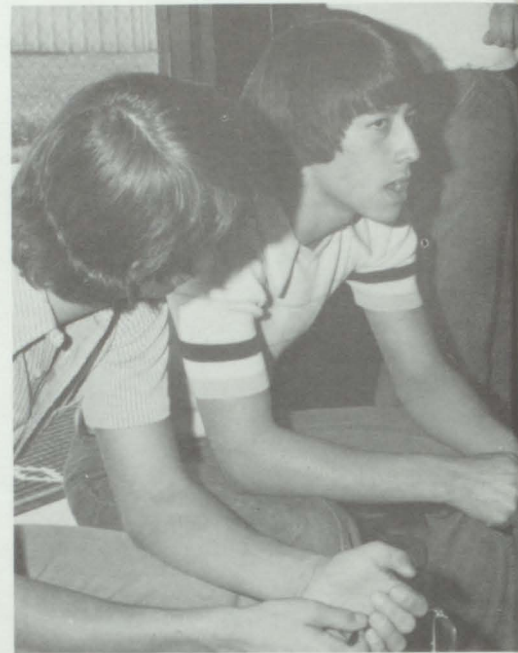
Student and faculty volunteers, as well as some cast members, handled technical aspects of the production. Lisa Yoder headed the make-up committee, while Sandy Outman organized costume detail. Mrs. Jan Harnish of the art department guided the scenery painters, and Mr. Phil Berkey applied his industrial arts skills directing set construction. Freshmen Dave Mockler, Jeff Pletcher, and Kent Ross operated the stage lights. Tim Bainter, Jim Bowlby, Kevin Doutlick, and Keith Roberts were in charge of the sound system.



# Outside Of Class

Shortened lunch hour rushes Sheri Doutlick, while Kathy Yoder shares a joke.

A few moments for quiet sharing are enjoyed by Bonnie Weaver, Brenda Yoder, Jackie Fingerle and Kelly Chapman.

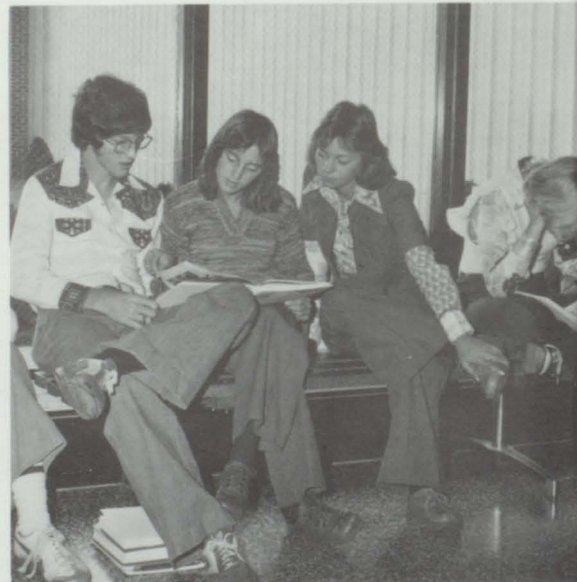


The front lobby gives Tim Tahara a place to sit down and talk with classmates.

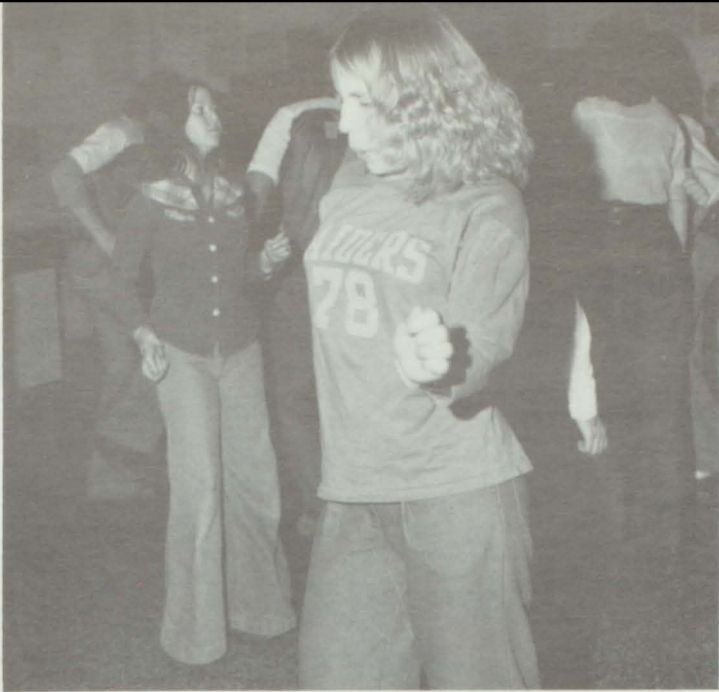
Looking at the Shield is another noon-time activity that Penny Miller, Gail Stark and Chris Pletcher seem interested in.



Engrossed in looking at their yearbooks, Steve Leach, Julie Bardo and Denise Eash relax.







Involved with the music, Joy Swanson concentrates on dancing.

The cafeteria becomes a crowded dance floor, as students enjoy music and each other.



Kerry Cripe and Karla Kurtz successfully overcome the crowded conditions by making their own circle.

Needless to say, not all of school is studying. An important part of overall education, social activities are necessary to us all. NHS students can relax and enjoy themselves during lunch, at after dances, and at other school-related activities.



Punch is served by Jane Hampton and Beth Cripe.



Rock group "Magi" performs music for dancing.

Slow dances provide a change of pace for Semi-formal couples.







Disco beat is enjoyed by Angie Davidson and her date.



Relaxing at their table, Dee Miller and Mike Meyer watch other couples dance.

## *"Color My World" ... With Snow?*

One of the winter happenings postponed because of heavy snow, the Semi-formal Dance nevertheless provided a good time for those attending. Freshman and sophomore student council members planned the annual event with the help of sponsor Mr. Bruce Stahly. They also decorated with yards of rainbow-hued streamers to carry out the theme, "Color My World." Semi-formal goers were treated to the music of "Magi," an area rock band.



# A ROYAL SEARCH



Amidst a crowd of curious onlookers, Miss Gail Moody seeks out the Prince Dave Shoup.



Meanwhile, Mr. Weirich moves in on the princess Cheryl Shrock.



After a lot of searching Miss Moody finds the King Bill Sonner.



Senior sponsor Mr. Don Weirich escorts Karen Kurtz to the front to be crowned Queen.

A crown is placed on the heads of Queen Karen Kurtz and King Bill Sonner, while Dave Shoup and Cheryl Schrock attend.

The crowning of King and Queen was done a little differently this year. In the past, the court was called from the audience but this year the Junior Class Sponsors went into the crowd and searched for the royal court.

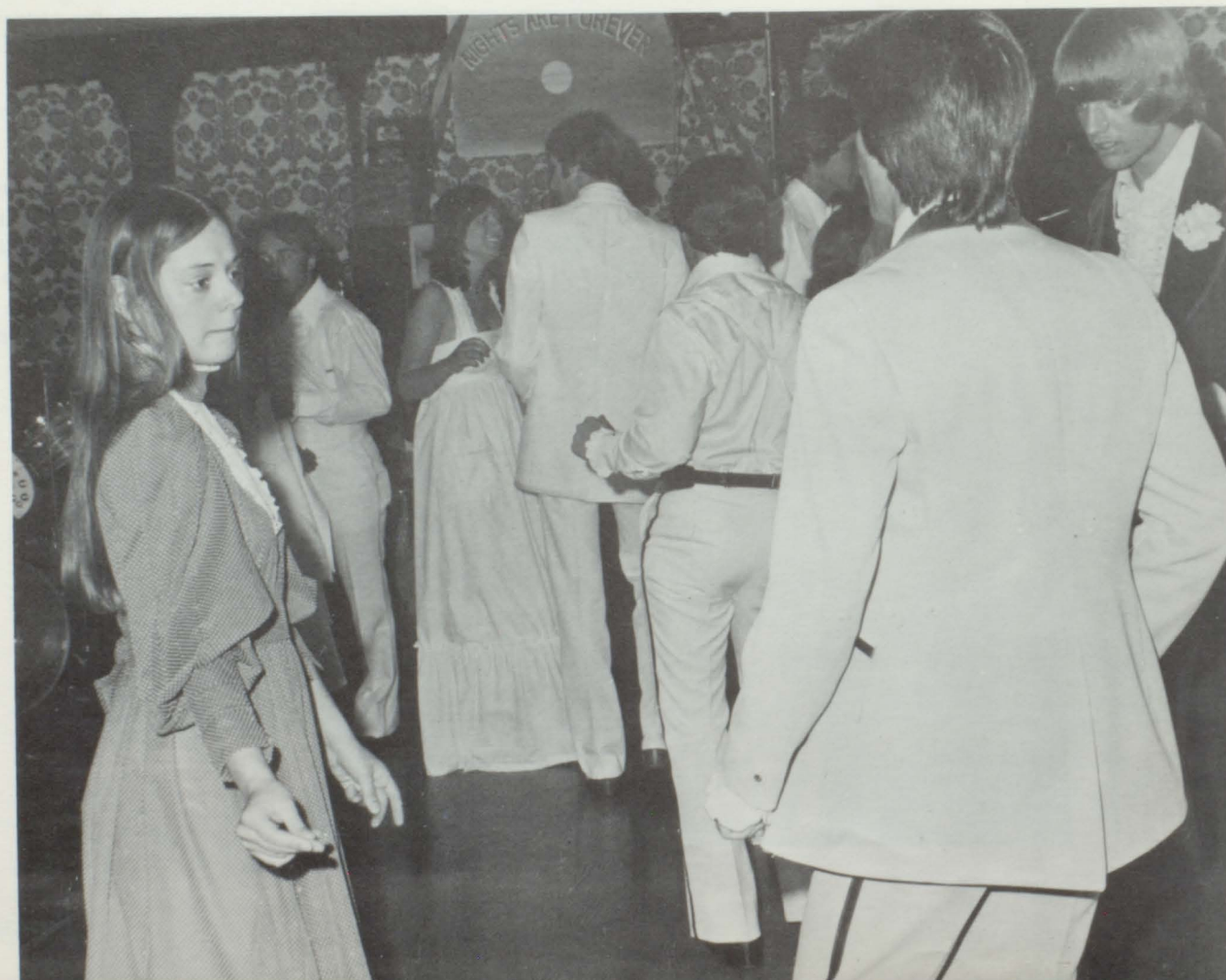




# NIGHTS ARE FOREVER WITHOUT YOU

A few moments of quiet sharing are enjoyed by many couples.

Deb Oesch snaps her fingers as she boogies with her date Jeff Pletcher.







Stopping to catch their breath, Mike Ebersole and his date relax on the sidelines.

To cool off, Randy Swarm sheds his tuxedo, as he and JoAnn Graber sit this one out.



Karen Kurtz and Bill Sonner gladly pose for a portrait honoring their election as King and Queen.

This year's Junior-Senior Prom was held at the Holiday Inn in Elkhart on Saturday Evening, April 23. The theme was "Nights Are Forever" and the band featured was Cameleon. The prom included a banquet by the pool side, a dance in the ballroom and the movie "Silver Streak" at the Holiday Theatre. The prom was dedicated to the senior class.



Senior Steve Miller is recognized with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Miller.

Parents of varsity basketball players and managers, cheerleaders, and senior Raider Rockette line up across the gym.



Raider Rockette Karen Westerbeek walks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bordewyn Westerbeek.







Flanked by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eash, Denise Eash waits for the cue to enter the gym.

## *Seniors Recognized*



Beaming with pride, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Yoder stand beside their sons, Craig and Kent.

Honored at various times of the year, senior members of the football and basketball teams, cheerleading squad, and Raider Rockettes were recognized with their parents.

Graduating band members presented long-stemmed roses to their parents at their final concert. Candles and nose-gays were shared with the parents of senior choir members at the Spring Choir Festival. Departing choir members also received special recognition when they sang together for the last time at graduation exercises.



Ball State Music Scholarship is presented to senior Jeff Parker by band director Miss Mary Ulrey.

Retiring Materials Center Director Mrs. Catherine Smith praises her student librarians, including Carolyn Mauck and Bonnie Keim.



Hearty handshake from Miss Mary Ulrey accompanies the John Phillip Sousa Award, earned by Merle Yoder and Tara Kindy.



Placing second in Tri-State Drafting Contest, Jeff Beachy returns to his seat carrying a plaque.

Emcee for Awards Day, Mr. Tom Kattau hands Beth Snider her Science Performance Medal.



Winner of the Arion Award for overall musicianship, Anita Mock accepts congratulations from Miss Mary Ulrey.

## Awards Day



Held on the last day of school, the annual Awards Day program opened with Dr. W. Lynn Bollinger welcoming graduates, underclassmen, and their parents. Dr. Thomas Abram, acting as president of Middlebury Civic Club, presented the Dr. M.S. Teeters Award to Alicen Terry and Tim Ryman, who were later named Menno Simon Scholars by Goshen College.

Steve Leach was given the Northridge Chorus Award. Ecuadorean exchange student Pat Ruiz was recognized, and student librarians gave a book to the Materials Center in her honor.

Cast members from "The Miracle Worker" were honored by Miss Mary Zimmer, with special awards going to Jeff Beachy, Dave Berry, Hope Foster, Jan Jines, Melissa Moseng, and Kathy Troyer.

Alicen Terry and Beth Snider shared the honor of being named Family Leader of Tomorrow. Shorthand and typing pins were doled out by Mr. Gary Modlin and Miss Gail Moody.

Mr. Bruce Stahly awarded Maxine Troyer the Middlebury Classroom Teachers Association Scholarship. Recipients of Purdue Scholarships included Phil Hochstetler, Lucinda Oldfather, and Merle Yoder.

State scholarships were handed out to Julie Bardo, Mark Fisher, Rachael Herman, Phil Hochstetler, Tara Kindy, Karen Kurtz, Pam Kyle, Delores Miller, Debi Oesch, Jeff Parker, Shelly Rouch, Tim Ryman, LeAnn Ryder, Bill Sonner, Beth Snider, Tim Tahara, Alicen Terry, Sally Torrence, Carla Wyse, Kent Yoder, and Merle Yoder.

Alicen Terry also was the winner of the National Honor Society Scholarship Award. The "I Dare You" award was presented to Beth Snider and Tim Ryman.





Poking around in the back off his closet, Mr. Tom Kattau dons one of his 50's outfits and adds his effort to help with yearbook sales.

After many hours of grueling practice, Ruby Payne, Susan McCrumb, Kate Becker and Gail Moody rally fans to back a faculty basketball team.



An injured team member, Dr. Bollinger is "helped" by his secretary Jeannine Talley and head of maintenance Harry Prough.

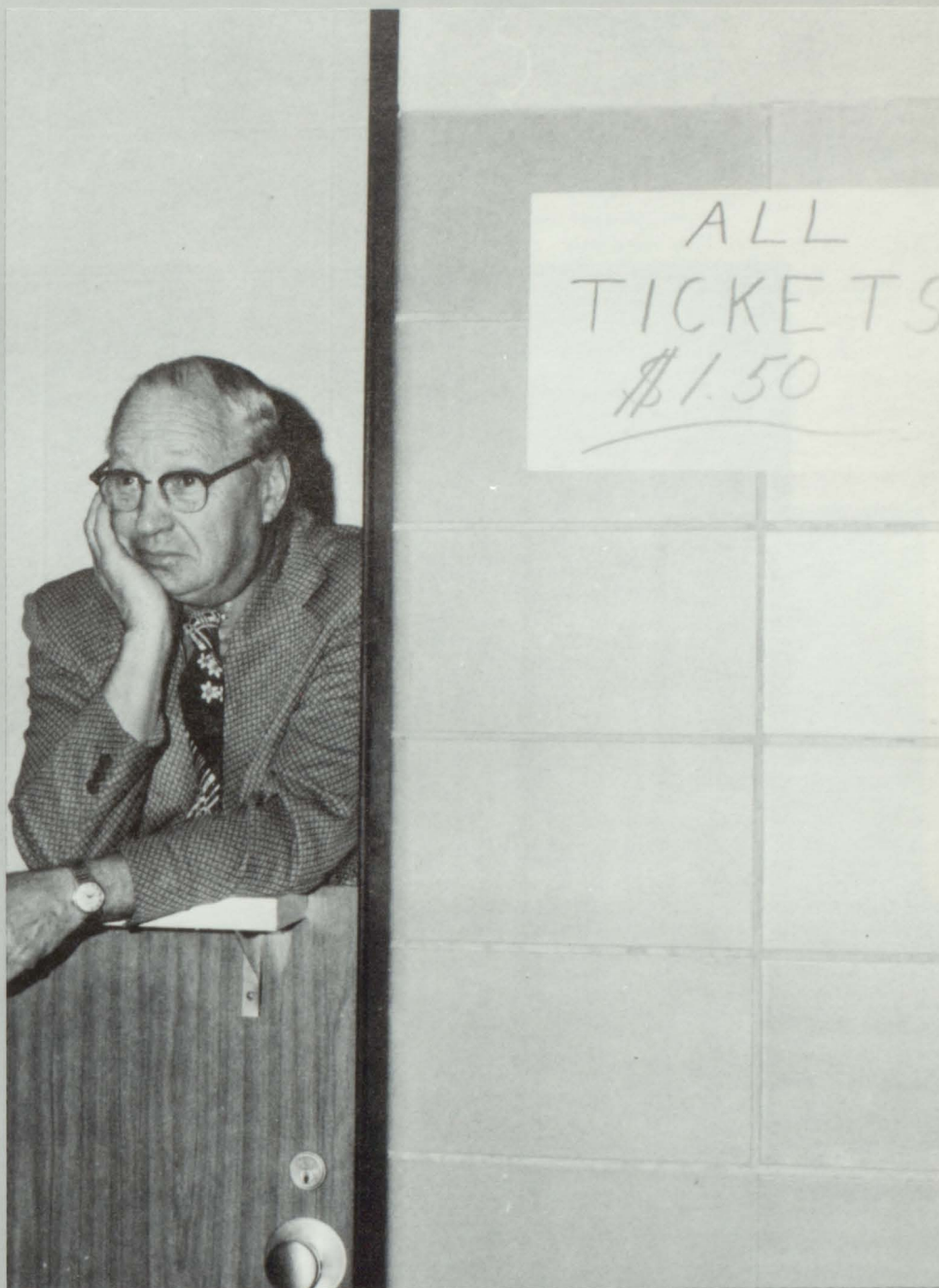
Working as a well-oiled machine, the NHS faculty team combines its talents to soundly defeat the opposition.





# TEAMWORK IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

To all of us, education is a game - there are winners and losers; there are serious players, and there are clowns. But whatever role is played as an administrator or as a student, the game is a vital one requiring coordination and teamwork. From the Superintendent's office comes overall direction for the entire school system. Dr. Terry, Mr. Wilson and their secretaries may be thought of as team coaches. Each building principal becomes the captain for his team of teachers, while faculty members then work with each of their classes in hopes of ending each semester with winning, or passing grades. Without team effort inside each department as well as corporation-wide, classes would be fragmented; there would be no continuity from year to year. And without serious student players, there would be no learning.



A former administrator himself, Mr. Paul Yoder just misses the age cut-off for the team and must be content with selling tickets to the hundreds of fans waiting in line.

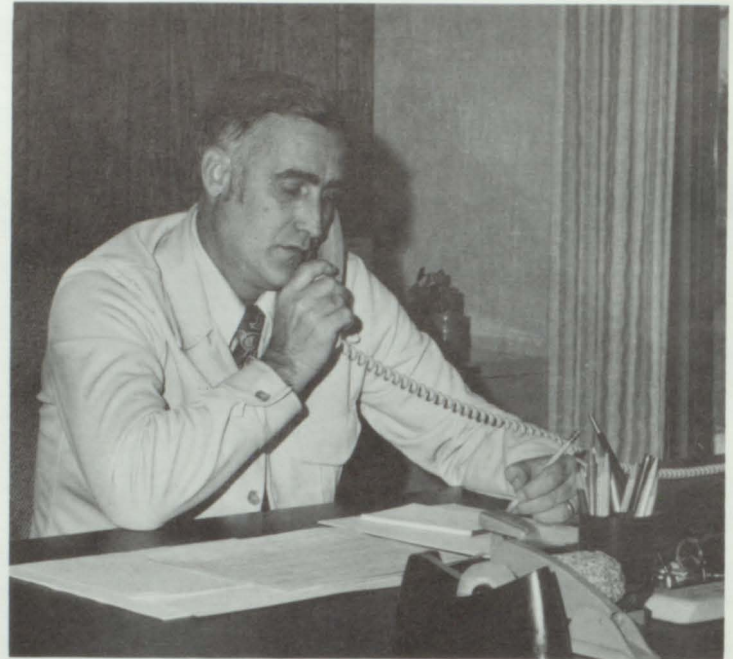


# Making The Mission: Possible

Bus routes are planned by Mr. Gerald A. Wilson.



Communication via telephone links Dr. Thomas D. Terry with a colleague.



Stacks of paperwork are under consideration by Mrs. Merrick and Mr. Paul Smith.



Controversial topics can spark debate among school board members; Mrs. Jean Merrick, Mr. Paul Smith, Mrs. Rosealene Long, Sec.,

Mr. George Tilley, Pres., and Mr. Roger Krider, V. Pres.



Issues are reviewed as Mr. Wilson counsels with Dr. Terry.

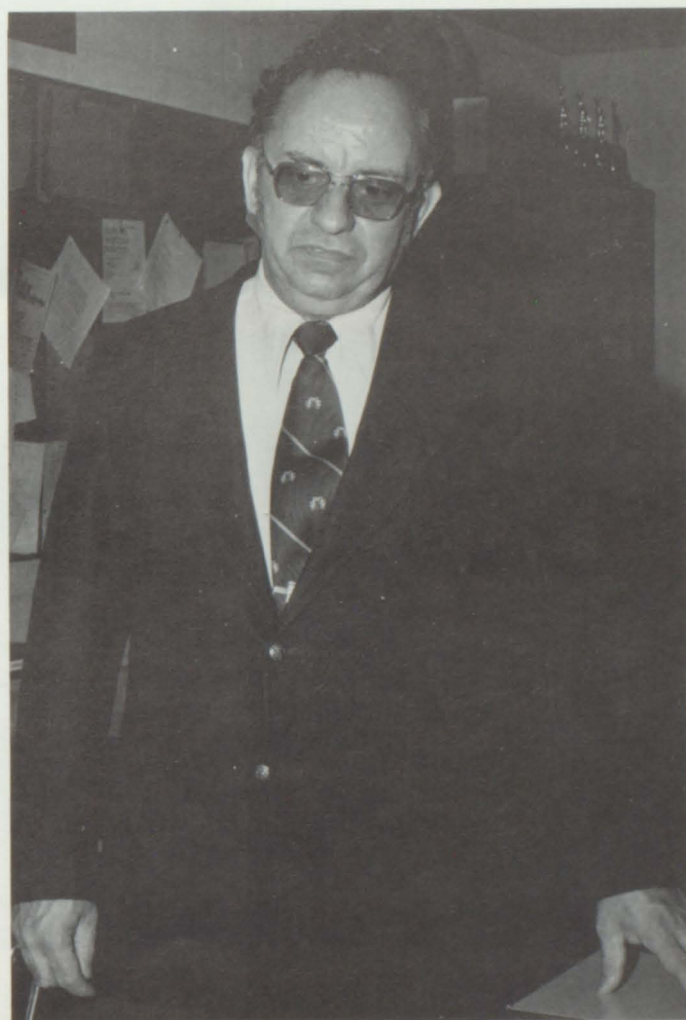


Coping with re-scheduling due to heavy snow and gearing for the future were among the problems our administration faced. Phi Delta Kappa, or PDK, a learning planning pattern was put into effect this year. The seniors, faculty, administration and members of the community participated in determining the priority of different educational goals and which should be stressed more.

Not only are students given grades every nine weeks, but teachers too are evaluated at the end of the school year. Their contracts are then renewed by Principal Dr. Lynn Bollinger and Asst. Principal Mr. James McCormick. Some of their other jobs include planning schedules for courses to be offered in the future, informing teachers of special events that would be helpful with a class, and co-ordinating weekly schedules to include convocations and pep sessions.



Pleased with his surroundings, Mr. McCormick smiles for the photographer.

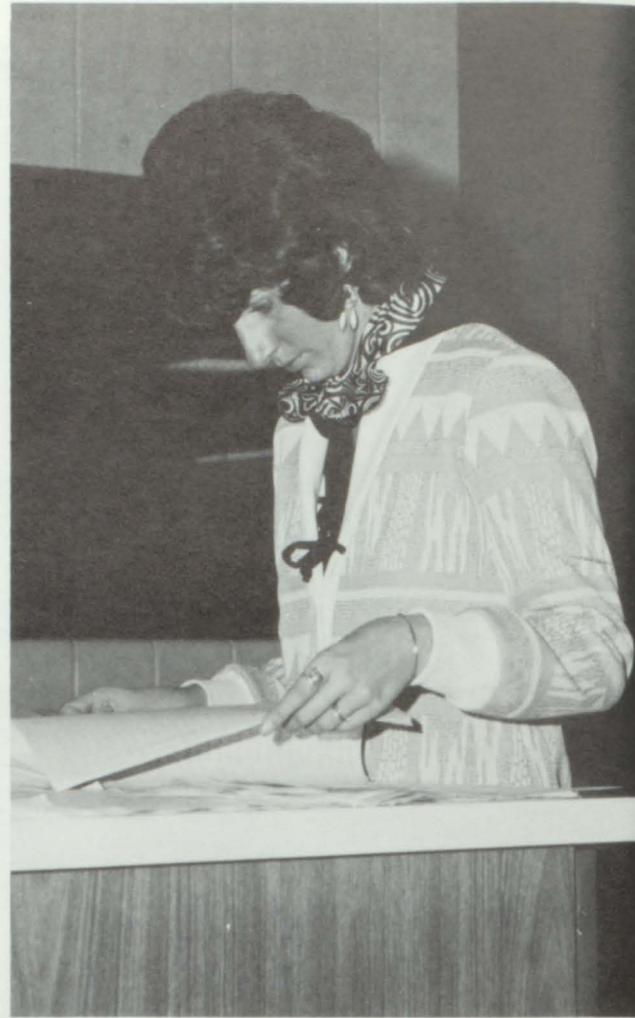
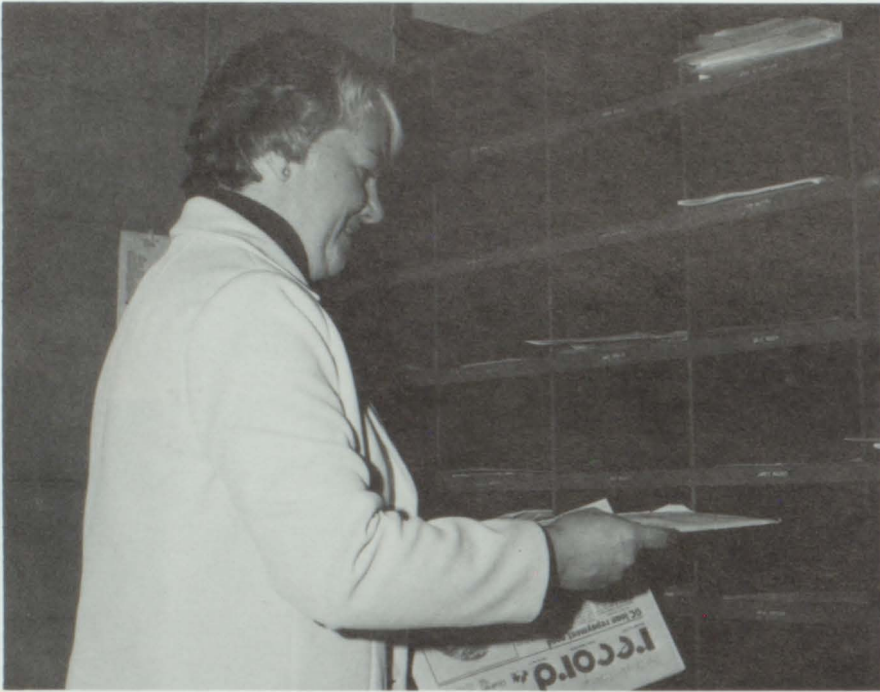


Concerned, Dr. Bollinger ponders a situation.



With accuracy in mind, Secretary Jeannine Talley classifies the book rental payments.

Distributing memos to the mailboxes, Lois Rhodes delivers a letter to Jean Snyder.



Bookkeeper Jackie Bowlby examines the extra-curricular invoices.

A rose adds a touch of class as secretarial aide Kay Mishler answers a phone in the office.



# May I Have Your Attention Please . . .

Secretary to Gerald Wilson, Ruth Miller brings a letter to his attention.



Organization has a large part in keeping an administrative office functioning smoothly. Mary Garber places the information in alphabetical order.



Operating a large computer, financial secretary Roberta Jackson figures payroll and budget for the entire school system.

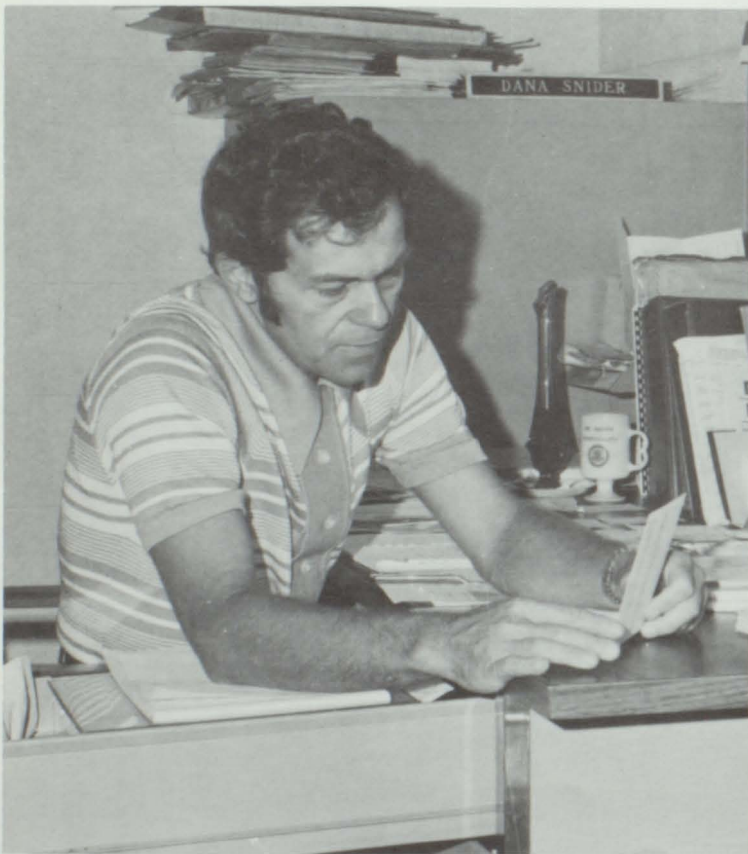
Keeping the office at an expanding school in order requires a lot of time and effort. The secretaries at Northridge spend approximately nine hours a day assisting the faculty and students. Although they work together as a team, each one is responsible for certain tasks in the office. Their many jobs include handling the money and athletic tickets, sending off letters, answering phone calls, and making out absentee records.

The administrative secretaries handle such things as correspondence for the superintendent and assistant superintendent, records of all the teachers, and all budgetary and payroll matters for the entire school system.

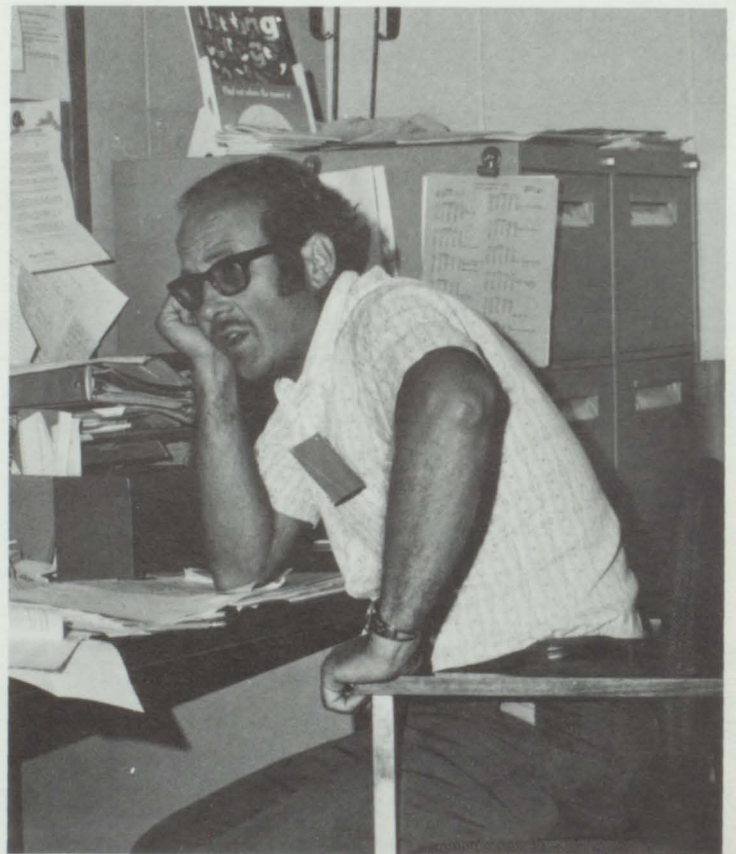




Mrs. Honderich is hard at work.

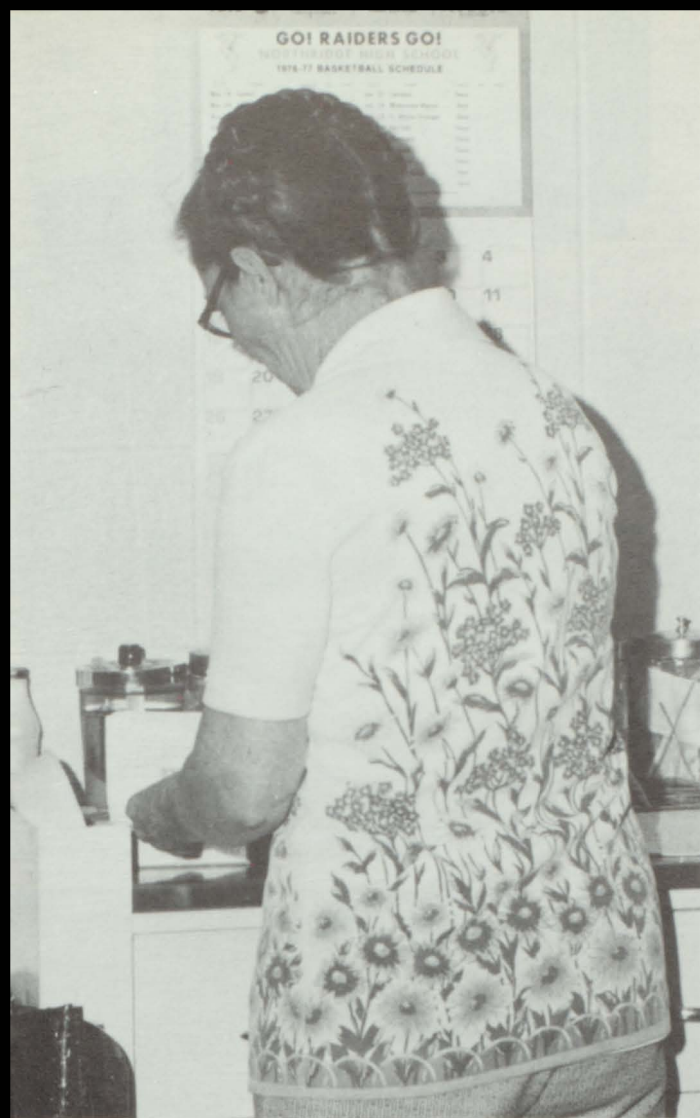


Lists are getting a double check by Mr. Snider.



Mr. Rhodes seems to be having "another one of those days."





## Help With *H*

Our veteran counselors, Mr. Dana Snider and Mr. Jim Rhodes, and a newcomer, Mrs. Karen Honderich, work with scheduling and student problems through the Guidance Office. They also advise students as to college selection and careers, in addition to job opportunities.

The busy secretary in the Guidance Office is Mrs. Verna Booth.

Helping students with health problems is the responsibility of Mrs. Helen Mumaw. As the school nurse, she travels to York, Jefferson, and Middlebury Elementaries and Heritage Middle School as well as working in the Northridge Health Center.

Mrs. Mumaw isn't really camera shy, just busy.

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Mrs. Booth is helping out.



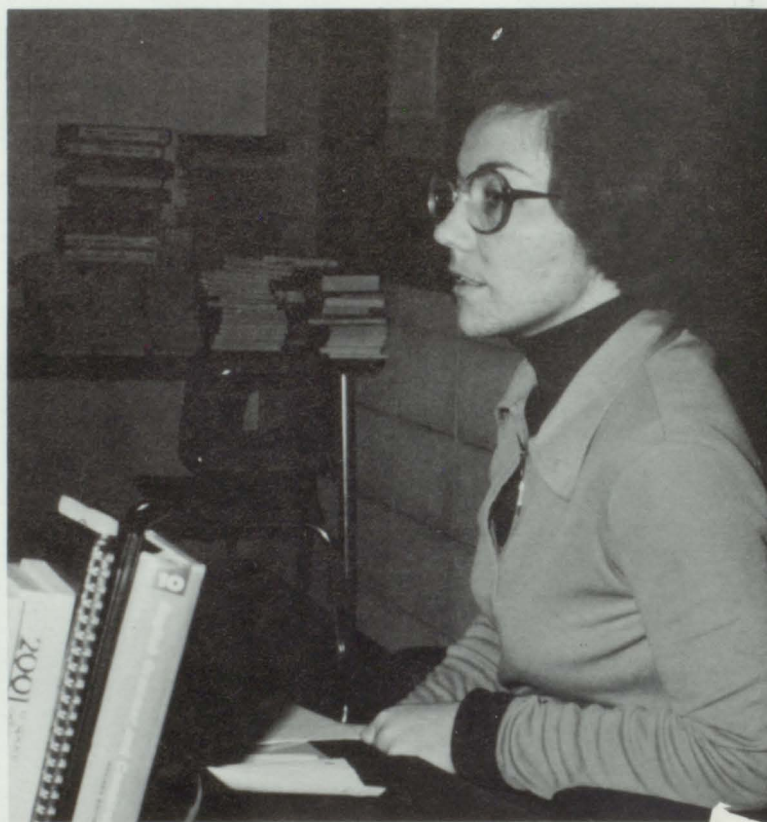
# *Language Arts Offers Varied Opportunities*

Supplies for Language Arts are considered by department co-ordinator Mrs. Becker.

Paper grading is work enough for two people, as Scot O'Dell helps Mrs. Payne.



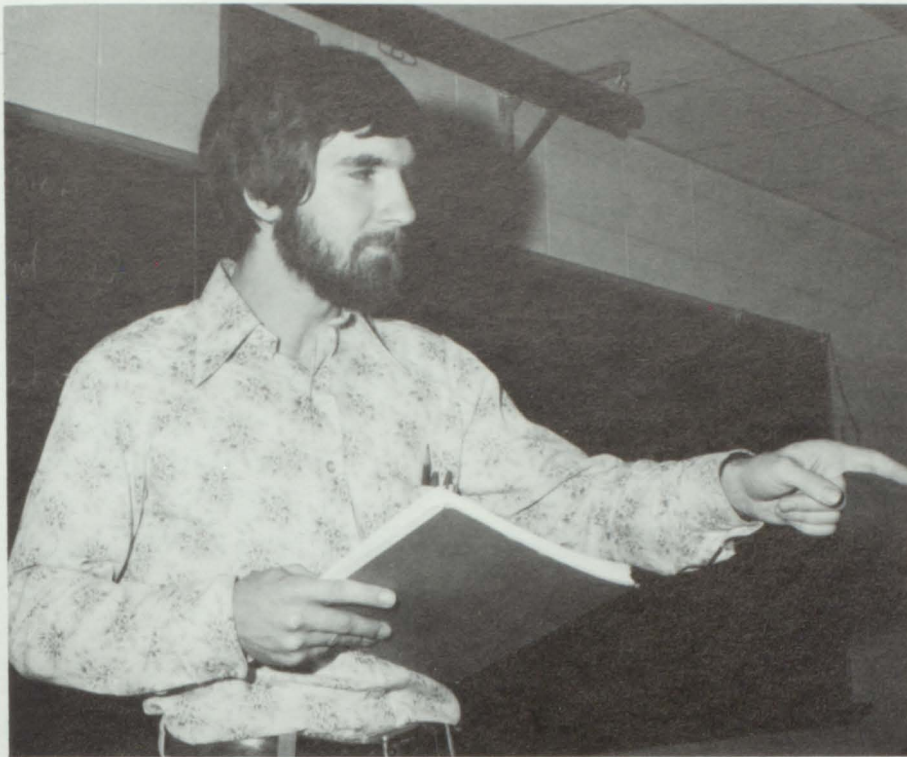
Language Arts receives mixed reactions from students Brenda Yoder and Dilynn Zook.



Aware of her class' needs, Miss Zimmer answers their questions.



Gestures prove Mr. Beechy's point.

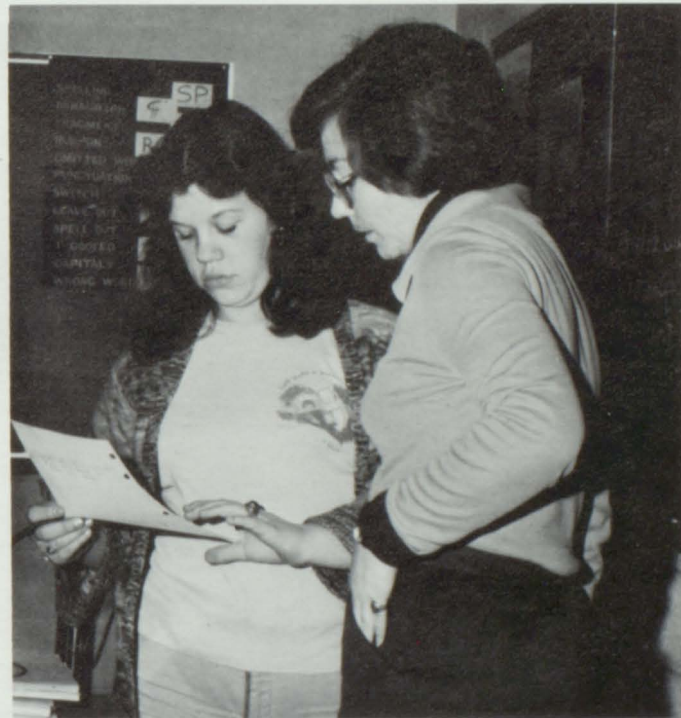


Creative Writing, The Novel, Science Fiction, and English Literature are only several of the electives offered by the Language Arts department. Although this program is directed toward seniors, it will soon include juniors. Currently freshmen, sophomores, and juniors participate in a required program involving grammar, reading, spelling, writing, and drama.

Teaching freshmen and sophomores are Mrs. Kate Becker, Mr. Leonard Beechy and Mrs. Ruby Payne. Miss Mary Zimmer and Miss Jean Snyder teach juniors. All of the teachers share the elective courses.



Discussion of grades proves interesting as Marsha Black is finding out from Miss Snyder.



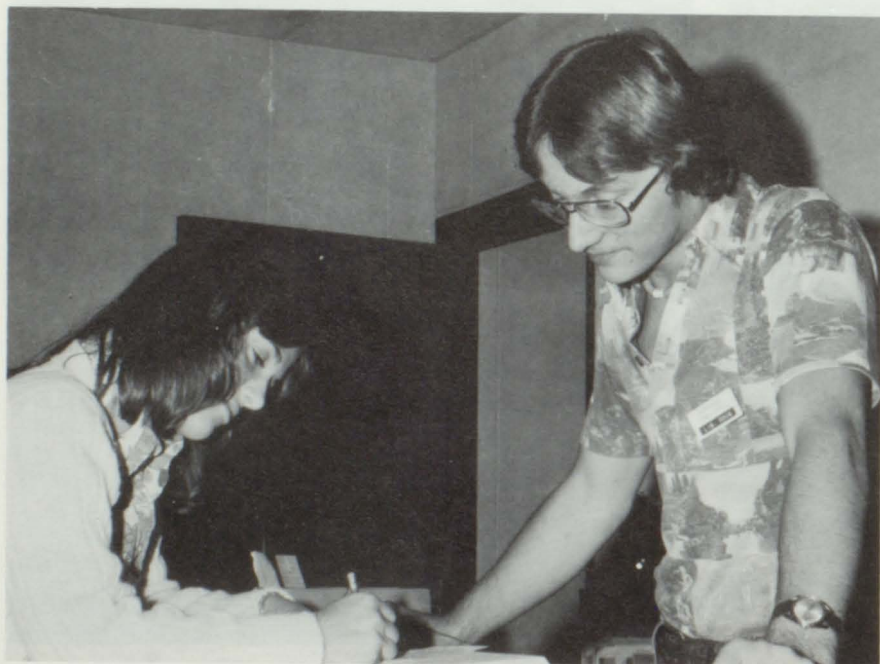
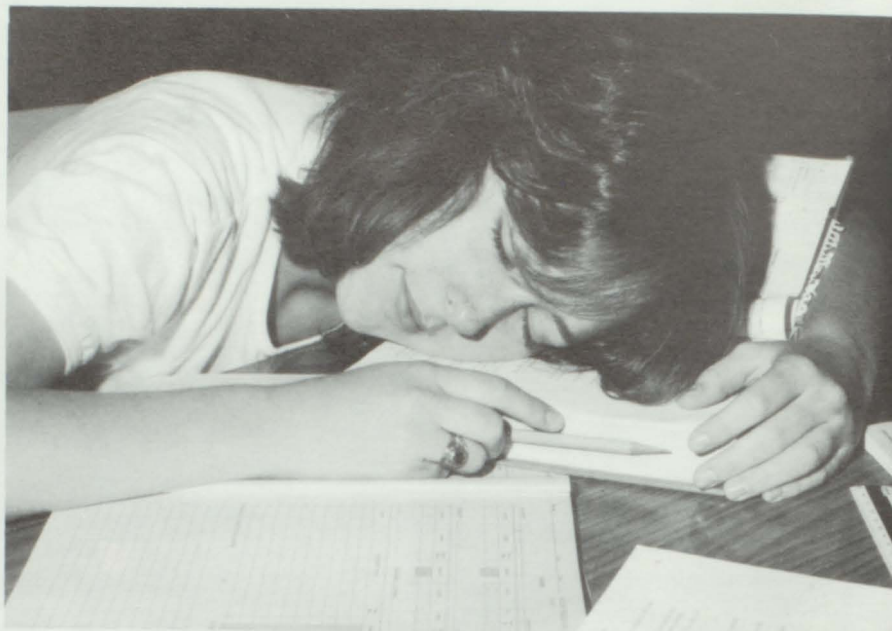
Grammar assignments are explained to Sherry Balentine by Miss Zimmer.



A lot of bookwork is involved in Catherine Smith's job as librarian.



Tired of accounting, Amy Frederick sneaks a nap in the Materials Center.



Student librarian Doug Buckley helps Rachel Herman check out a book.



Lighter reading like a magazine provides a break from studies for Dean Falb.



A foreign language and special resources come together here at N.H.S. to broaden our field of knowledge in the forms of Spanish classes and the Materials Center.

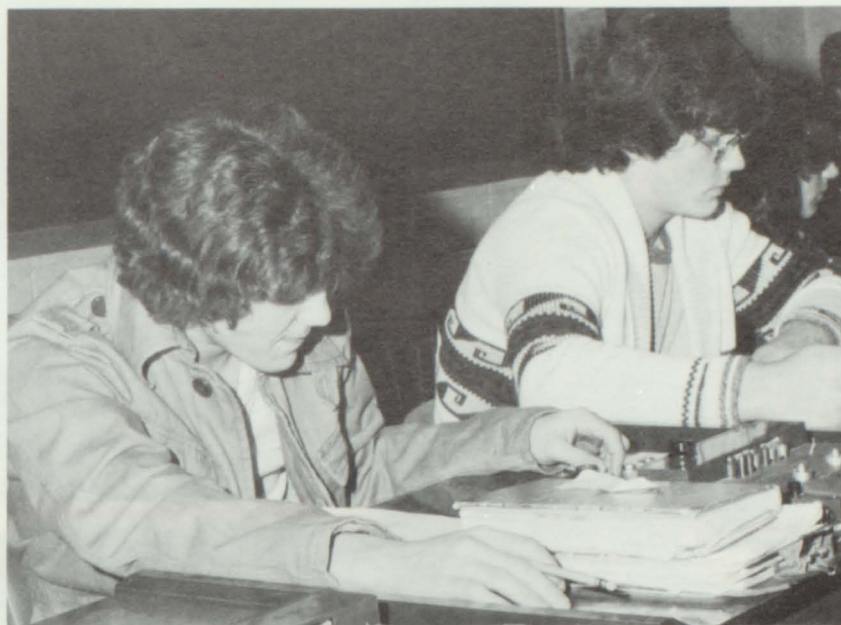
Learning a foreign language involves more than memorizing words. Understanding the people of the land and their culture is also important. Most Spanish students agree that conjugation, or changing verbs, is the hardest part of grasping a second language. Repetition seems to be the only way to learn. With the help of the language lab, classes listen to dictations and dialogues on tape.

Games and skits promote the use of Spanish in everyday situations. Semester projects such as pinatas, greeting cards, and reports are fun but do require research.

There is a wide range of references found in the Materials Center, including everything from American History to Zoology. It is a nice place to go whether writing a term paper, looking for a book, reading a magazine, or just relaxing.

## Expanding Knowledge Exploring Culture

Learning Spanish requires repetition as Jeff Slabach and Bob Kindel get ready for some dictation.



Pinatas created by students as projects are displayed in the hall showcase.



Help is furnished by Jill Meuninck in translating a story.



## *Easy As Pi?*

Answering student questions is the teaching approach used by Miss Janet Williams.

Nightly homework is a required assignment in most math classes. Two sections of Algebra I, Algebra II, General Math, Advanced Math, and Geometry are offered as course options.

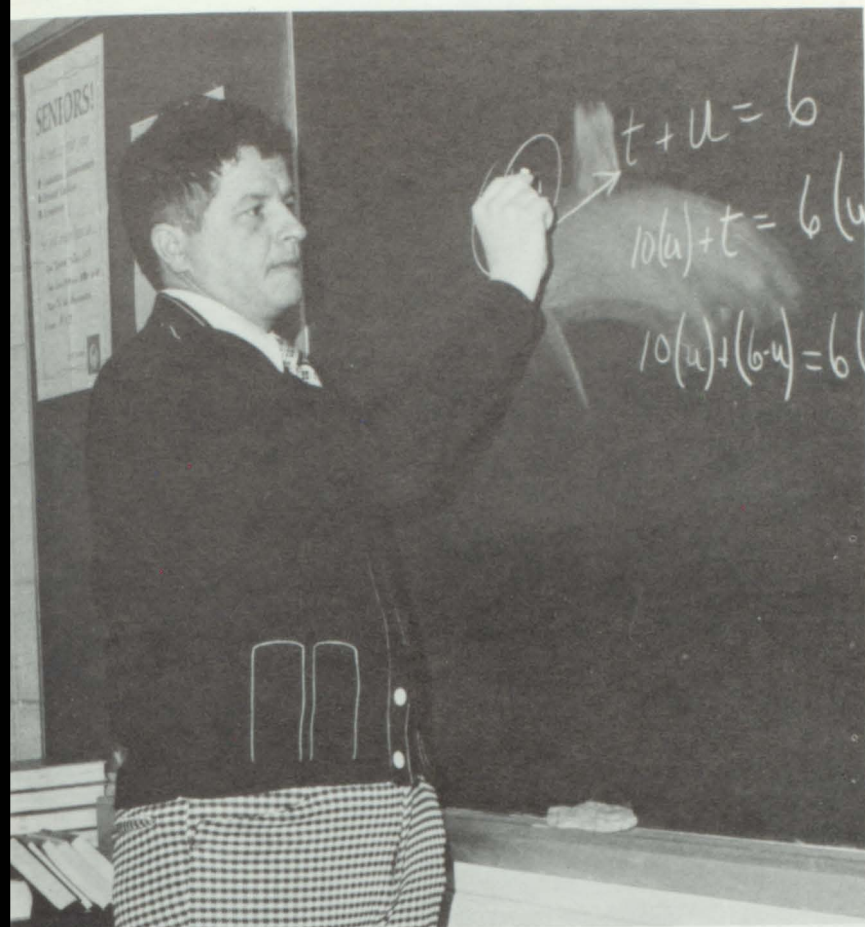
Variety in the teachers is as wide as in the classes. Mr. Gordon Kauffman, Mrs. Susan McCrumb, Mr. Bruce Stahly, Mr. Ken Von Gunten, and Miss Janet Williams all work together in the department.

Students of all grade and ability levels are provided for within the math curriculum. An NHS math student may choose to follow a pragmatic course, including balancing a budget or a checkbook. Another student may choose a more theoretical approach, such as algebra or geometry.

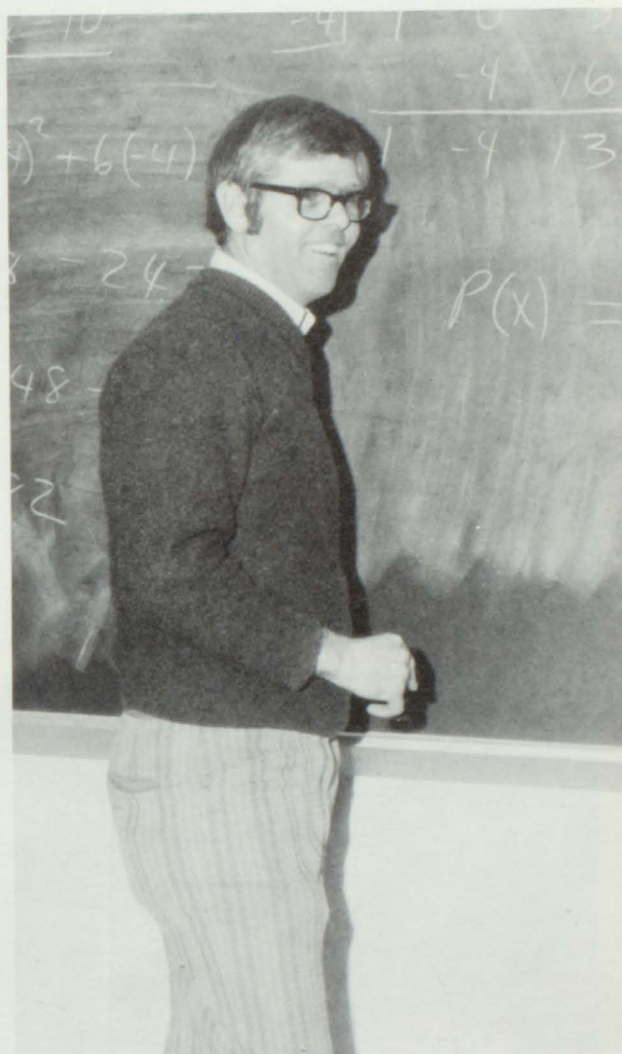


Quick conversation between classes is enjoyed by Mr. Bruce Stahly and Mr. Gordon Kauffman.





Further explanation is provided by Mr. Gordon Kauffman on the blackboard.



"Px = what?" Mr. Von Gunten questions.



Question raised by Marv Bailey is answered by Mrs. Susan McCrumb as they discuss a problem.



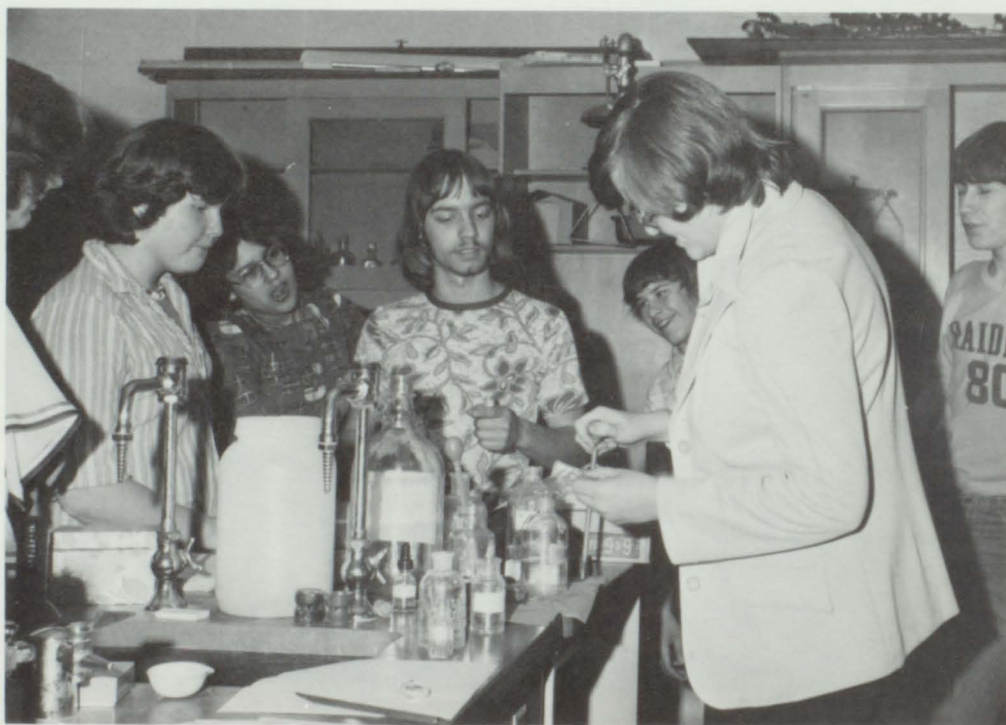
# Learning Through Labs

Fish and frogs are disgusting to some, but Mike Brumley, Paul Brink, Kathy Huys, Karla Kurtz and Jane Bontrager look fascinated by the specimens.

Have you ever wondered how the human body functions? Do you know what an organelle is? With it's many facilities, the Science Department worked to provide answers to these and various other questions.

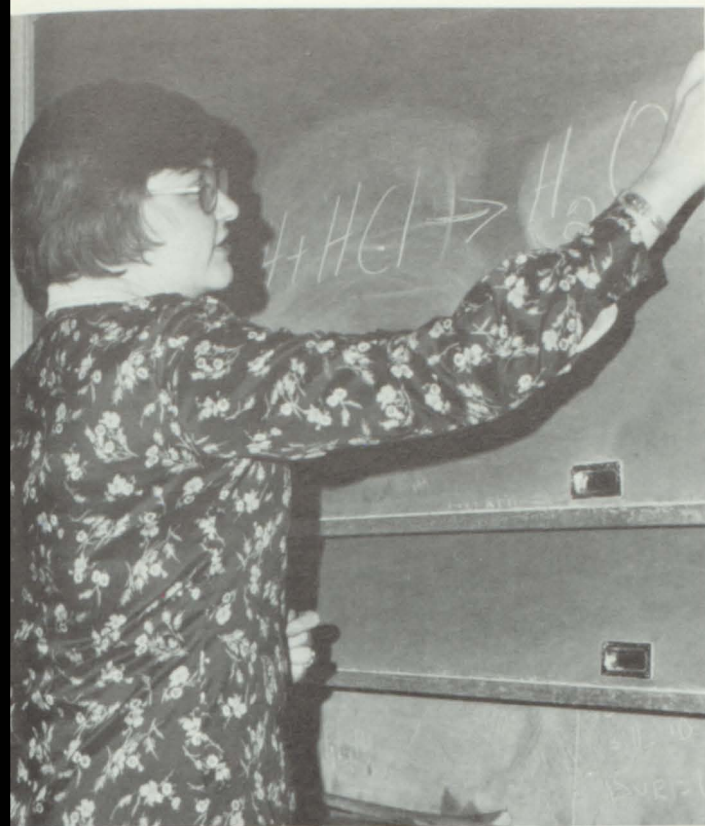
Mixing a solution and determining the structure of an atom are major parts of Chemistry. Biology students study pond water to learn more about single-celled plants and animals. They also dissect perch and bullfrog specimens.

The Marine Biology trip gave several students an educational way to use their spring vacation. The whole week was spent snorkeling, and studying underwater plants and coral reefs. A report was assigned to complete the requirements to receive credit.



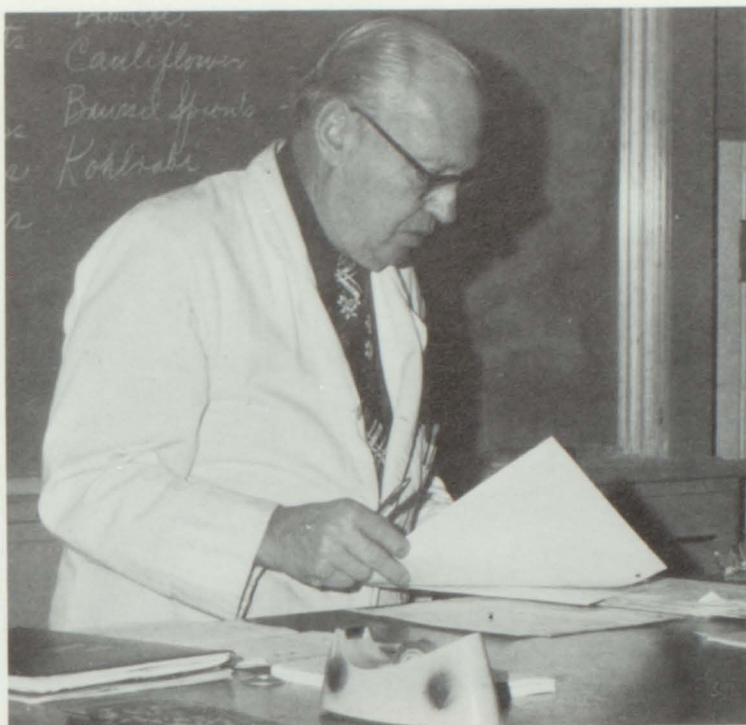
A science lab is enjoyed by freshmen who wonder if it will really blow up.





The blackboard is commonly used by Janet Williams to emphasize points in Chemistry and General Science.

Papers from two classes can pile up for Paul Yoder who teaches Biology, and Conservation.



Aided by AV equipment, David Willig makes class more interesting in Earth and Space, Electronics, General Science, and Physics.



Group work may be fun, but Ruth Miller knows that individual studying is less distracting.

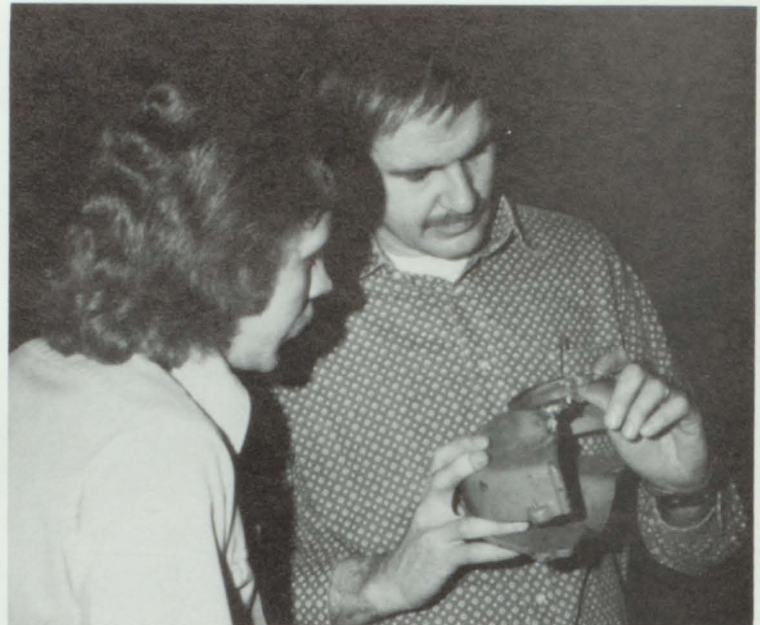


# *Design For Home And Industry*

Basketball rosters fresh from the printing press are packed by Mr. Don Weirich.



Broken pieces of machinery need the attention of Mr. Jeff Heign and Mr. Don Weirich.



Every year, the Experimental Cookery class, under the direction of Mrs. Irene Byers, serves some of the creations in the ala Carte lunch line. In other foods courses things such as jams, cakes, pies, meats, vegetables, and even pizza are made and eaten.

Home Arts is also taught by Mrs. Byers. Crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, and arranging dried flowers are only some of the activities to do.

Constructing clothes comes under the supervision of Nelda Snider. Design, quality, and style are also discussed. Human Development and Family Planning are also taught by Mrs. Snider.

Designing, planning, and actually making a project for Industrial Arts classes is fun, as well as a learning experience. Mr. Philip Berkey, Mr. Jeff Heign, and Mr. Don Weirich share in the teaching of two woods classes, electricity, two drafting classes, metals, graphic arts, power and transportation, and electronics.

These classes teach how to have pride in objects made by hand as well as by machines.



Don Mauck and Mr. Philip Berkey watch carefully as a board goes through the surface planer.



Answers are pointed out to Ron Miller by Mrs. Irene Byers.



Adjustment of a pattern is a part of pin-fitting, as Mrs. Nelda Snider helps Debi Oesch.



Careful in repinning a hem, Dawn Swihart concentrates on her garment.



Purpose of ingredients is discussed in Mrs. Byers' foods classes.

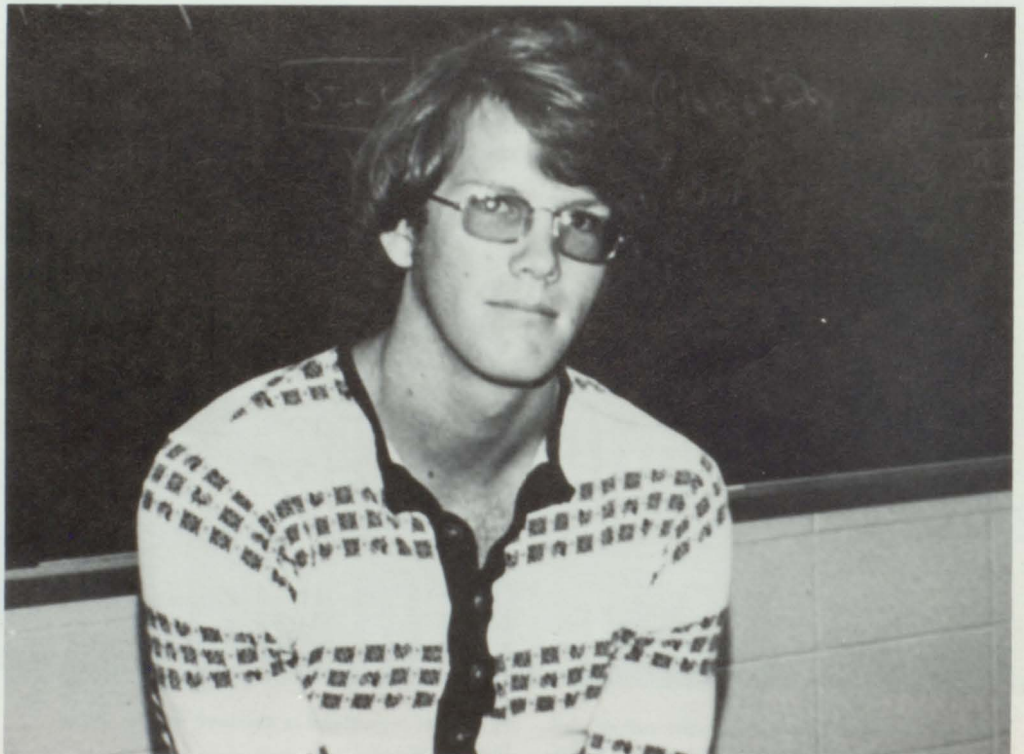


# Observing The World Through Events Of The Past

Government reading assignments require a quiet room and concentration.

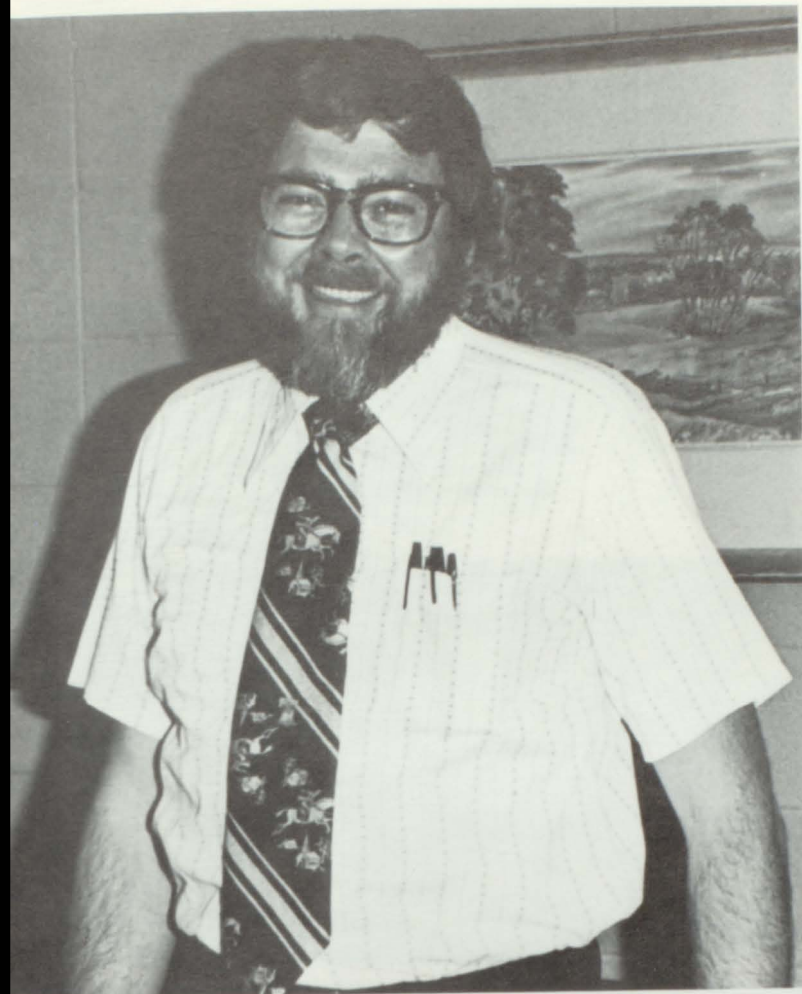
Reliving past experiences while sitting in the comfort of your own chair in class is one of the many ways of exploring the American heritage. The many cultures that make up society today, and the different ways that it has grown are part of the curriculum. People that govern us, too, have changed.

Required for graduation are American History and United States Government courses. Electives provided for completion of a major are Economics, Family Relations, Human Development, Introduction to Social Studies, Sociology, and World Problems.



The task of teaching Introduction to Social Studies and U.S. History is undertaken by Steve Muck.





In the Teachers Lounge, Paul Wilkey relaxes between his classes of American History, Government, and Sociology.



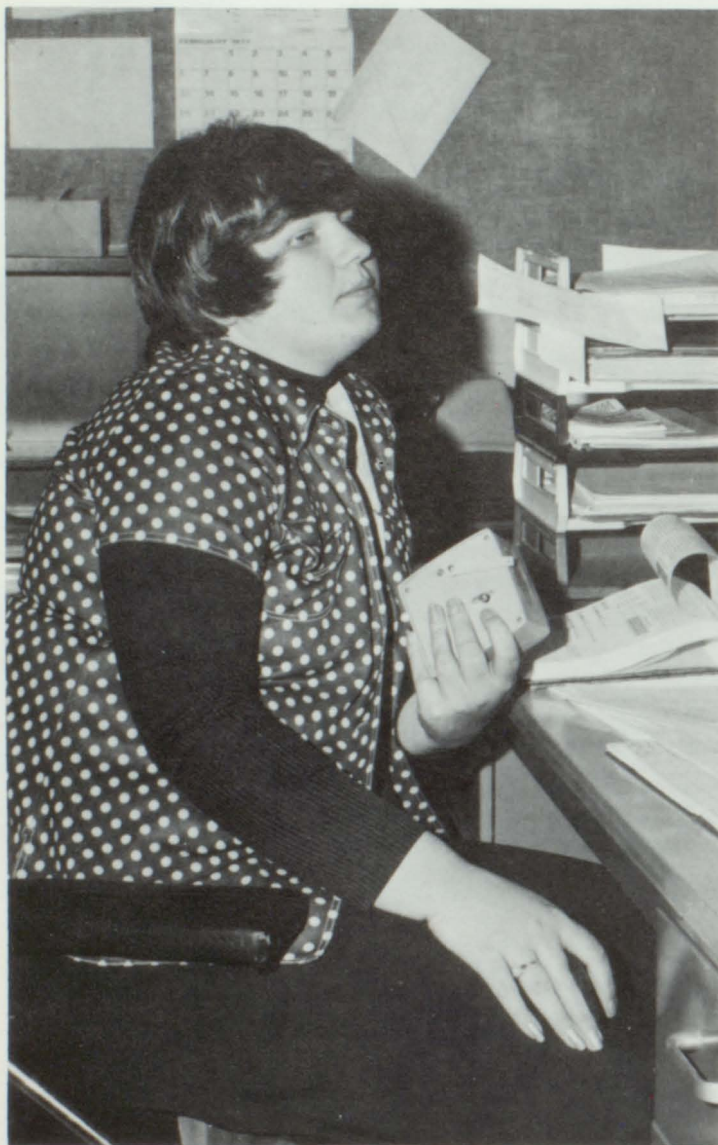
Jokes and stories spice Tom Kattau's lectures in American History, Government, and World Problems.



Topics brought up in class are discussed by Beth Snider and Shelly Rouch.



Mr. Modlin smiles as he helps Shelly Rouch with a difficult accounting problem.



Miss Gail Moody keeps a watchful eye on her typing class as they take a timed writing.

Free time in Office Practice is useful for discussion and completion of problems.



# Business With A Future

Preparation for an assignment includes a flurry of papers.



Dictation in shorthand keeps Miss Moody's class busy.

Developing office skills is the goal of the Business department. Miss Gail Moody and Mr. Gary Modlin work together in teaching such practical skills as accounting, typing, bookkeeping, and shorthand. Their students, after learning these skills, are able to compete more effectively in the job market.

Because of their direct application to summer jobs or to permanent jobs after graduation, these business courses are becoming more and more popular with NHS students, both male and female. Working as a team, Miss Moody and Mr. Modlin are operating a department that has reached its peak in enrollment.



## *Creativity At Its Peak*

Instructions are vital in learning a new form of art. Jan Harnish gives Rachel Herman a few pointers.

It takes imagination and a steady hand to form an original piece of pottery.



Diligence and determination are shown as students develop their skills of macrame, weaving, pottery, and abstract painting.

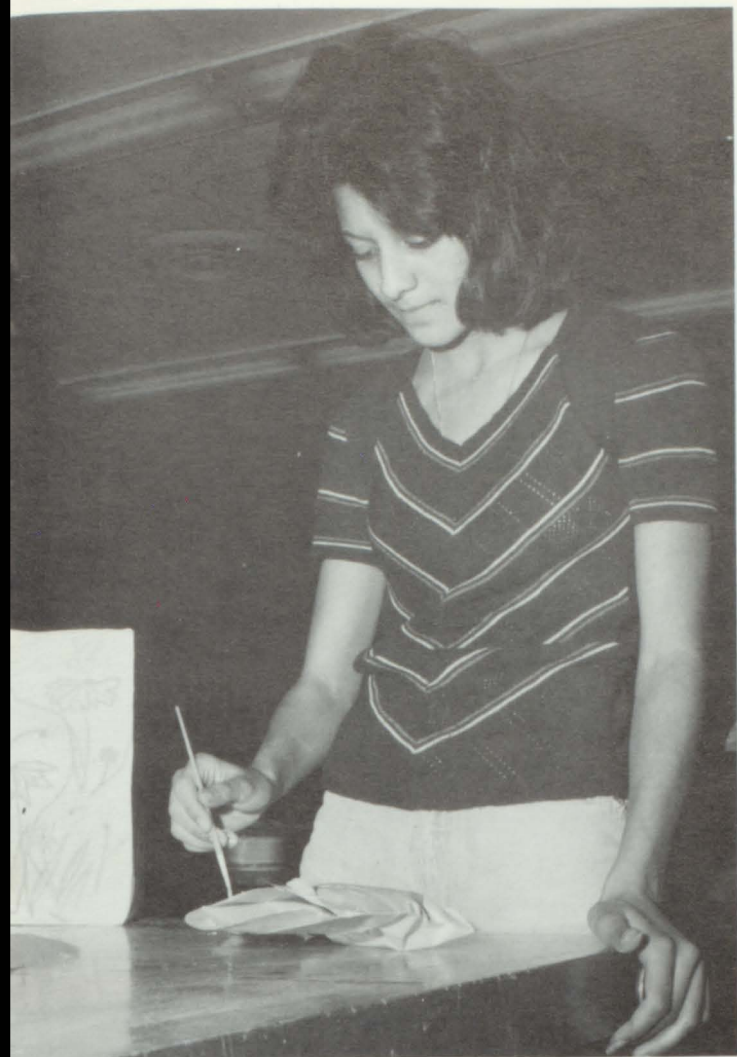
Self-expression is encouraged through the mediums of India ink, acrylics, and charcoal.

Various classes are offered by the department including Beg. Ceramics, Adv. Ceramics, Beg. Crafts, Adv. Crafts, Beg. Design, Beg. Drawing, and Beg. Sculpture.



Although art requires concentration, Neraida Santiago and Lamar Riegsecker use laughter as a means of expression.





Working carefully, Neraida Santiago puts the finishing touches on her ceramic structure.



Denise Summers knows that mixing a glaze is no easy job.





Heritage students listen to the Jazz Band as Miss Mary Ulrey directs.



Julie Bardo and Rusty Graber proudly hold the trophies won by the Marching Band.



Concert Band members perform.



# Marching

Soloist Duane Leach has the Jazz Band to back him up as he plays at a convocation for the student body.

## Musicians



Concerts, concerts, and camps are all part of the curriculum for band students. Hard work not only keeps everyone busy, but it also gives pride and a sense of accomplishment. The Marching Band, after long hours of practice, won the Best Musical Entry Award and the Sweepstakes Award in the 1976 Middlebury Trade Festival Parade. Concert Band members took solos and ensembles to contest and most brought back at least one or more gold or silver medals.

Miss Mary Ulrey strives for student excellence and guides band members with enthusiasm and determination.

Two prestigious groups, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band, represent the peak of student accomplishment. Audiences of all ages throughout the area have applauded their performances.



Part of the percussion section drums during half-time at a football game.



# Choirs Prove To Be Crowd-Pleasers

Student Conductor Dave Mockler gets the Freshman Choir together to sing some scales.

After finishing the long task of putting together a concert, the applause does not go unnoticed. Giving good performances is a goal set up by the director and students at the beginning of the year.

All the choirs participate in the various NISBOVA Contests held each year. Sophomore and Concert Choirs achieved first ratings and the Freshman Choir received a second-place rating.

The last few years, Freshmen and Sophomores wishing to be in choir have been members of the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs. This year there was a change in the system. Freshman and Sophomore Choirs were formed.

When students reach their Junior and Senior years, they become members of the Concert Choir.

The Chamber Singers and the Sound of Friends are two extra-curricular choirs which require an audition in the spring of the preceeding year.

Each of the groups is involved in many programs. With time and dedication on their side, the N.H.S. Choirs have presented many successful crowd-pleasers.



Sophomore Choir members vocalize before practicing their songs.





At one of the many concerts, a familiar sight to the students and audience is Gerald Rasler, the director.

Concentrating on their music and the instructions of the director, the Concert Choir presents a number at a program.



In the candle-light procession, Pat Weaver and Elaine Kohli add the final touch to the program.



Senior members of the choir perfect two numbers to be sung at graduation exercises.

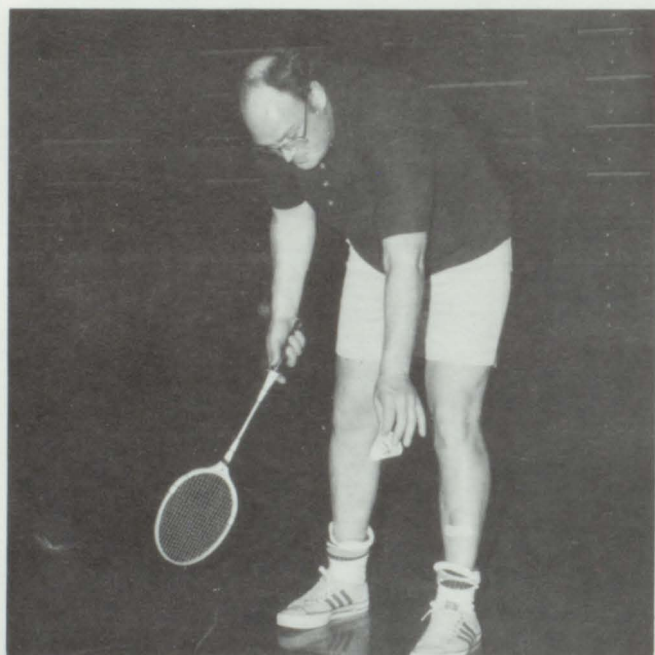


Barely managing to keep seated, girls' P.E. director Mrs. Linda Kaminskis directs her players on the court.

Tennis is a fast-growing sport as shown by Pat Wiggins and Mark Wilkey.



Softball is one of the many activities in P.E.



The correct badminton serving technique is demonstrated by Mr. Ray Reid.

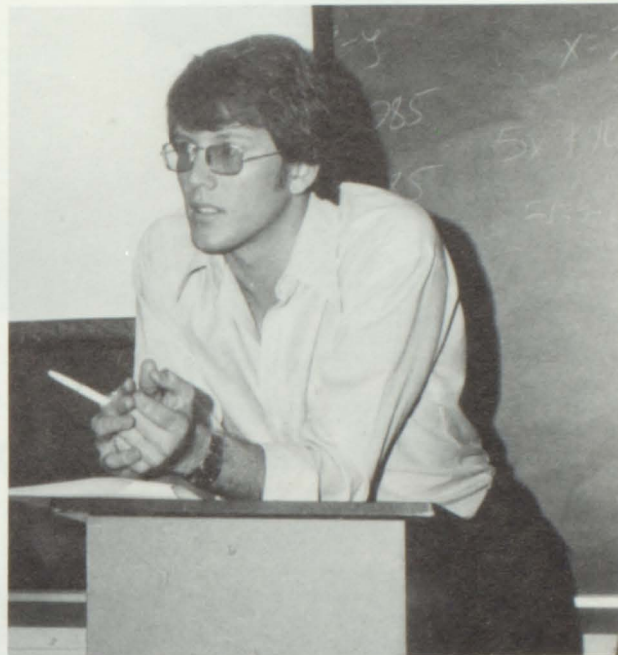


# Health For Today

Tracy Peterson, Laurie Case, and Kelly Chapman listen attentively.



Awaiting questions, Mr. Steve Muck pauses in his lecture.



Learning about the human body, how to care for it, and how to make muscles work to their full extent are some of the objectives for these two courses.

Physical education classes strive to condition muscles and keep the body toned. The teachers, Mrs. Linda Kaminskis and Mr. Ray Reid, added something new to the curriculum: co-ed P.E.

Two new health instructors, Mr. Ray Reid and Mr. Steve Muck, presented information about nutrition, body structure, sex, drugs, smoking, and alcohol as a part of the health curriculum.



Filmstrips on energy catch students Dee Pendleton, Jeff Meyer, Keith Bontrager, Dennis Weldy, and Steve Yoder without any.



Every minute counts when you're as busy as Mrs. McCrumb.

## PREPARING FOR LIFE

Versatile describes Mrs. Susan McCrumb, who teaches General Math, Language Arts, Government and Science. Career Awareness, a study of jobs similar to the Co-op program, is another of her classes. Mrs. McCrumb also sponsors the Special Olympics and is the business sponsor of THE SHIELD.

Actual working experience is provided by the Elkhart Area Career Center for those who have interest in specific job opportunities. Some of these include Auto Mechanics, Printing Technology, Intensive Secretarial, Welding, and Horticulture.

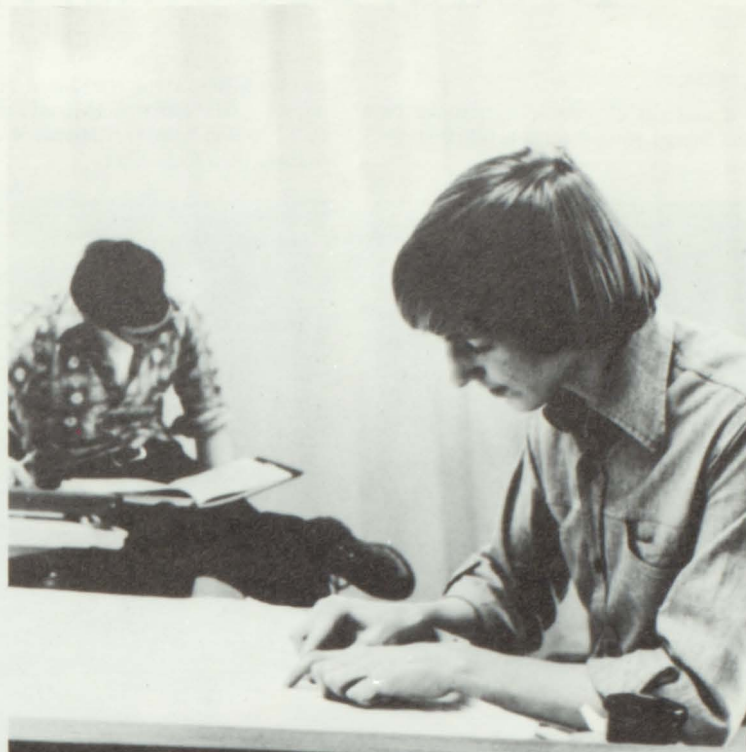


Commercial Sewing helps Esther Santiago improve her sewing skills.



Courses in Drafting are enjoyed by Shaun Doutlick.

Our famous disc jockey, Tom Schrader, enjoys working with records.



Electronics is Ryan Yoder's interest.



Classes in Cosmetology are being taken by Robin Miller and Jeanette Barden.



# Bread, Brooms, And Buses

Sharing a moment of quiet conversation, Dale Yoder and Eugene Weaver relax before their evening route.



FRONT ROW: Alvin Nusbaum, Frank Mishler, Harold Yoder. BACK ROW: David Williams, John Coil, Nelson Miller, Clarence Lambright, Jay Graber, Glen Riegsecker.



FRONT ROW: Donna Zigler, Alvin Kauffman, Charlie Martin. BACK ROW: Darl Kaiser, Harry Prough, Levi Shrock.

Each problem has its own solution. Carman Cripe takes a minute to think one through.



Food service, maintenance, and transportation are responsibilities of a small group of people who go unnoticed, but would be greatly missed. They are our cooks, custodians, and bus drivers.

Tacos, pizza, and school-made rolls are among the more popular specialties served by the cooks. Planning an interesting yet nutritious menu takes time and consideration. An a la carte line provides a variety to each day's meal for anyone that's in a hurry or just wants a change.

The work of the janitors ranges from opening stuck lockers to keeping the halls neat and orderly. A "beep" over the loud speaker summons one of the maintenance crew in emergency situations.

Driving a busload of noisy kids requires patience, good driving skill, and early-morning alertness. Bus drivers are already on the road by the time some students are just getting out of bed.

It's this kind of dedication that keeps the school operating smoothly.





As an assistant to the cooks, Laura Tacy passes out bread and cookies.

Etta Frye, Mary Lou Heign, Josephine Troyer, Marie Bontrager, Cora Miller, Ruth Case, Florence Mishler.



Manpower comes through even when machines fail as Harry Prough adjusts the boiler controls.

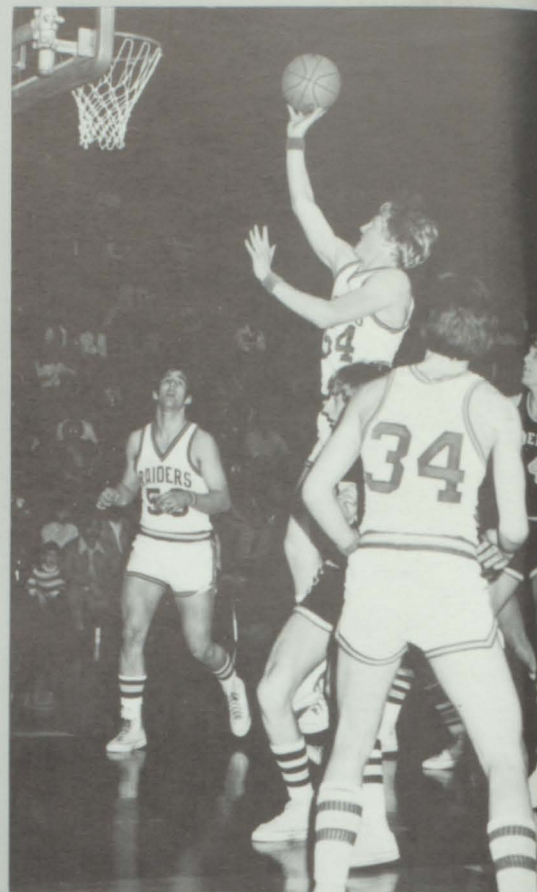


Preparations are only a part of a cook's job. Florence Mishler cleans up after lunch.



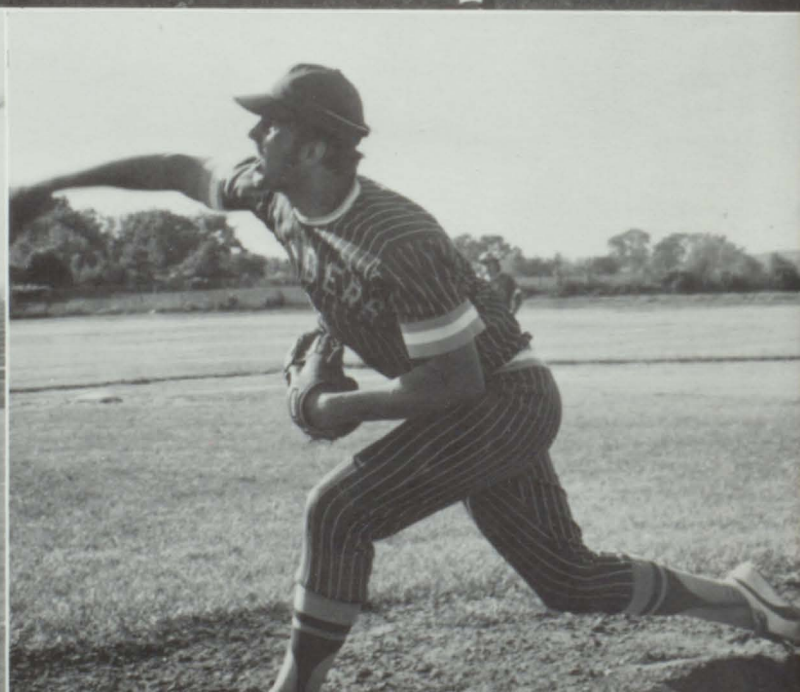
Towering above the other players, Craig Yoder attempts a lay-up while his brother Kent waits to back him up with an offensive rebound.

Under the lights, a Raider strong-arms a determined opponent.



After mustering all of his strength and concentration, Dan Yoder begins his approach.

From the mound, pitcher Kent Yoder displays a combination of precision and muscle.





# SPORTS PROGRAM STRIVES TOWARD PEAK

A well-run athletic program is a vital part of any school's curriculum. Membership in both girls' and boys' teams helps to discipline individuals and to instill an awareness of cooperation and teamwork. Under Athletic Director Irv Pratt, Northridge teams were involved in a full schedule of competition. If practices and conditioning are included, the NHS athletic program is year-round; golf and baseball extend into June, and football practice begins during the summer. Although no basketball title was won, and although no state champion was crowned, many athletes reached their peaks of performance. Individuals either set school records or bettered their personal ones. Hopefully, students will continue to devote their time, energy and determination to sports, because without active participation there could be no worthwhile athletic program. For a team to reach its peak of performance, time is needed to develop individual and team talent. Northridge is well on the way.



Amid the late afternoon shadows at Oak Hills, Tim Tahara lines up for his shot.



Junior Varsity Squad: TOP: Angie Graber, Sandy Outman, Janet Bontrager, Barb Hart.

Following the entrance of the varsity team, cheerleaders Janet Bantrager and captain Barb Hart lead the school song.



Freshman Squad: TOP: Karla Kurtz, Denna Armstrong, Kathy Troyer, Karen Yoder.



Lined along the fence to watch the action on the field, freshman cheerleaders Kathy Troyer,

Karla Kurtz, Denna Armstrong, and Karen Yoder, root for their football team.



# Spirit Leaders

"Let me see you Frankenstein" chants the varsity squad at an exciting football game.



To become a cheerleader, one must create an original cheer, learn a cheer made up by graduating seniors and perform these in front of the student body and judges. They are judged on many qualities and skills. Those who make the squads begin a year of exciting times and hard work.

Many times throughout the year, their work behind the scenes goes unnoticed. But they are there practicing every Tuesday night, planning pep sessions and supporting the teams. During this year's basketball season, the junior varsity and varsity squads had a dinner and a special cake for the team to get them fired up for sectional.

Because of an I.H.S.A.A. ruling, cheerleading is considered a sport, and cheerleaders can only participate in track during the year. This is in effect for the first year.



Varsity Squad: Deb Oesch, Chris Yoder, Angie Miller, Carol Snider, Cheryl Schrock.



Lone senior Deb Oesch keeps the crowd excited with a chant.



# LONG DISTANCE COMPETITION

## LIKE NO OTHER SPORT

Fatigued at the finish line, 3-year letterman Steve Yoder finishes first against Jimtown.

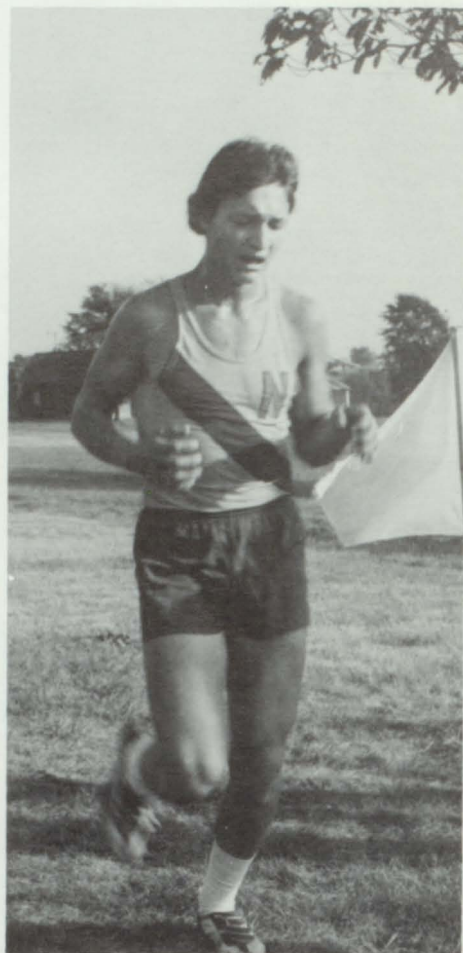
Competing for over 2½ miles is a much different type of sport. To run you must pace yourself the whole way. The Cross Country guys work hard at their training, often running 7.0 or more miles a night.

Consisting of 13 runners, the team was smaller than many years but this didn't hold them back. They finished equally well or better than last year in the invitational. With only one senior and one junior, the team was a little inexperienced but proved its ability throughout the season.

At the invitational they finished 6th of 15 teams, 5th of 12 teams and 13th of 22 teams at Sectional.

FIRST ROW: Danny Yoder, Jeff Craig, Randy Miller, Kirby Herschberger, Dave Yoder, Mgr. Rusty Graber. SECOND ROW: Coach Gary Modlin, Todd Eash, Steve Yoder, Craig Yoder, Keith Carlin, Jeff Yoder.

| N.H.S. Cross Country |                  |     |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|
| N.H.S.               |                  | Foe |
| 19                   | Concord          | 40  |
| 21                   | Jimtown          | 38  |
| 44                   | Westview         | 19  |
| 31                   | Elkhart Memorial | 26  |
| 25                   | Fairfield        | 32  |
| 41                   | Goshen           | 17  |
| 44                   | Penn             | 19  |
| 21                   | Central Noble    | 34  |
| 42                   | Lakeland         | 19  |
| 19                   | Hamilton         | 42  |
| 50                   | Westview         | 15  |
| 30                   | Wawasee          | 25  |
| 45                   | West Noble       | 16  |
| 47                   | Lakeland         | 15  |



To gain good position for the race, a fast start is important, especially against Goshen.



On the bench before a home meet, Danny Yoder, Kirby Herschberger, Steve Yoder, and Duane Leach relax.

Proper muscle stretching plays a big part in pre-meet warm ups.

In charge of statistics at home meets, Jan Jines notes the results on her clipboard.



Rounding the three quarter mile mark, Kirby Herschberger and Craig Yoder stride for position.



Intent on watching his stopwatch, Coach Gary Modlin stands at the finish line.



# Tackles — Touchdowns

Practice starts early in the hot summer for the football team.

| Varsity Football |               |     |
|------------------|---------------|-----|
| N.H.S.           |               | Foe |
| 20               | Maconaquish   | 0   |
| 7                | Concord       | 37  |
| 13               | Central Noble | 7   |
| 65               | Howe          | 0   |
| 7                | Hamilton      | 12  |
| 13               | Lakeland      | 7   |
| 13               | Jimtown       | 26  |
| 14               | Lowell        | 13  |
| 14               | Fairfield     | 6   |
| 19               | West Noble    | 0   |



Important yardage is gained toward a first down by Mark Fisher against Jimtown.

The Devils' offense is doomed against the teamwork of Jim Bowlby, Mark Fisher, and Dave Shoup.

FRONT ROW: Mrgs. Jeff Phillips, and Dean Miller, Ron Robinson, Scott Harper, Jerry Weirich, Randy Mockler, Randy Troyer, Brian Fry, Ron Lundy, Bob Nettleouer, Dave Fox, Kevin Smeltzer. SECOND ROW: Assistant Coach Verlyn



Nofziger, Mgr. Rod Lantz, Dave Campbell, Tim Stahley, Chris Stump, Nick Magyer, Jim Schwartz, Rick Robinson, Ron Keim, Vince Keil, Kevin Doutlick, Bob Kindel, Ron Jones, Jr. Varsity Coach Ken VonGunten. BACK ROW:

Head Coach Ray Reid, Courtney Stump, Dave Shoup, Kent Yoder, Jim Bowlby, Mark Fisher, Rollie Brenneman, Tim Evans, Devon Johnson, Keith Bontrager, Mike Miller.



Headphones help keep Coach Reid informed on the fine points of the play.

In need of a time-out, Coaches Ken VonGuten and Verlyn Nofziger try to gain the attention of the referees.



Hot and humid August days signal the beginning of football practice. Sweat, hard work and determination proved its worth throughout the varsity season. Due to the new rule against ties, the club went into a double overtime and a single overtime and won both games. In Jamboree play the team came through on top along with Plymouth to stomp Northwood and Wawasee 26-7. Although several important seniors are graduating, valuable depth is provided by the return of promising lettermen, who should shape up a strong team next year.

Fewer games are played by the Jr. Varsity, but experience increases as they also dress out for and play along side the Varsity in their games. Finishing with a 3-2 record, they had an even but challenging season.

Competing with a team of 14, the freshmen turned out a 0-7 record. Although they experienced a losing season, they improved their skills in preparation for the coming year on Jr. Varsity and Varsity levels.

Soon after closing the season, spring training will begin for the underclassmen.

Lined up and ready to defend their goal is the young but mighty freshman team.



FRONT ROW: Kevin Smeltzer, Jerry Weirich, Bob Kindel, Dave Fox, Bob Nettrouer, Vince Keil. BACK ROW: Dave Campbell, Tim Stahley, Nick Maygar, Courtney Stump, Devon Johnson, Keith Bontrager, Mike Miller.

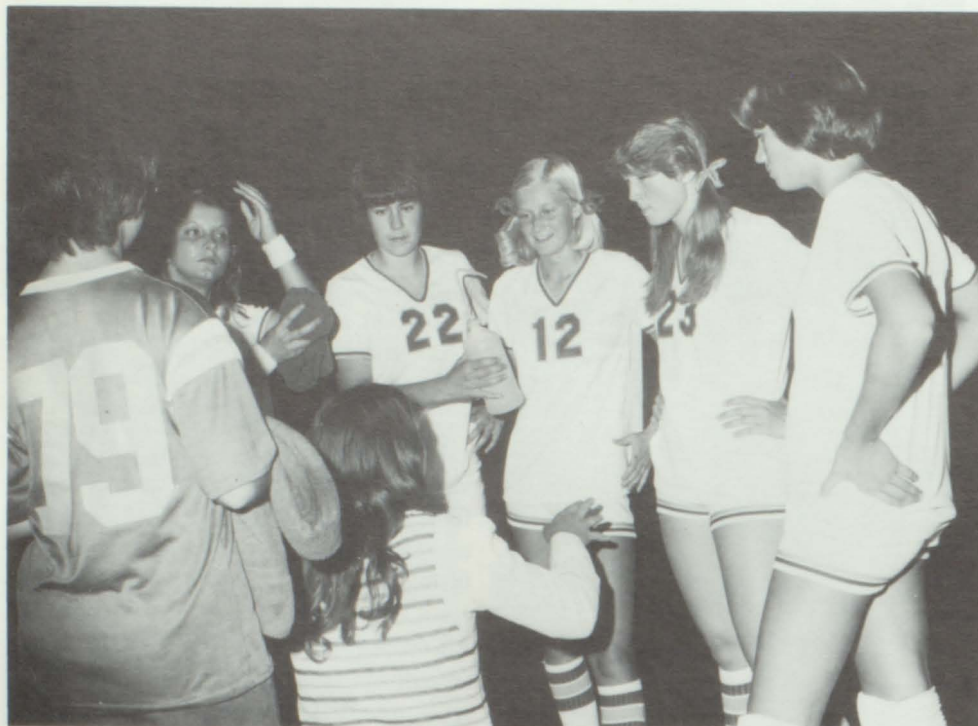


FRONT ROW: Delbert Miller, Kerry Cripe, Brent Bardo, Curt Yoder, Bob Heign, Kelly Tahara, Rolland Smith. BACK ROW: Coach Bruce Bryan, Dave Mockler, Jim Galt, Steve Slabach, David Ambrose, Jeff Pletcher, Brad Hooley, Tony Anderson.



# "Productive Season"

As the girls refresh during a time-out Coach Roberts explains game strategy.



Determination shows on the face of Delores Miller as she demonstrates her form.



N.H.S. Varsity Volleyball

FRONT ROW: Coach Jeannine Roberts, Donya Houser, Jackie Fingerle, Kelly Chapman, Patty Hostetler, Mgrs., Debi Hawkins, and Mariann Evans. BACK ROW: Beth Snider, Alicen Terry, Delores Miller, Robyn Stevens, Cindy Mockler, Mgrs., Marcia Swarm and Kris Merrick.

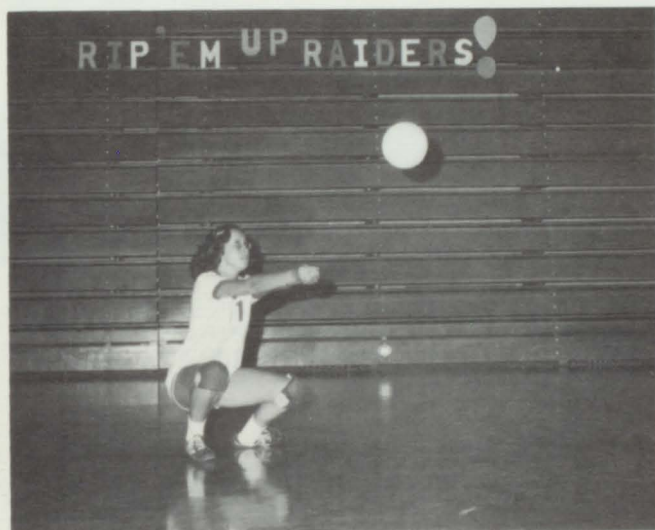
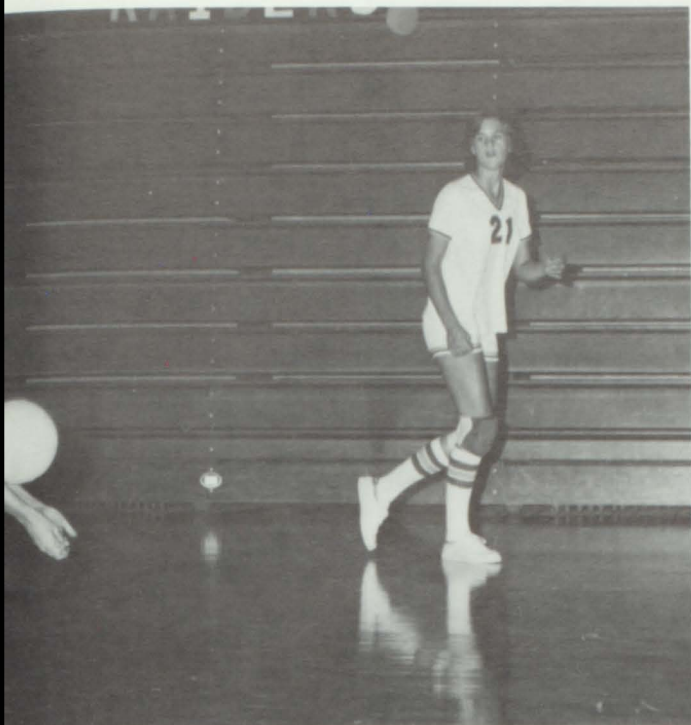
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| 0      | Clay      | 2   |
| 2      | Jimtown   | 1   |
| 0      | Bethany   | 2   |
| 0      | Central   | 2   |
| 0      | Northwood | 2   |
| 2      | Fairfield | 0   |
| 1      | Concord   | 2   |
| 2      | Lakeland  | 0   |
| 2      | Westview  | 0   |
| 2      | Goshen    | 1   |
|        | Sectional |     |
| 2      | Jimtown   | 1   |
| 1      | Concord   | 2   |



A saving dive by Beth Snider captures the attention of teammates Alicen Terry and Kelly Chapman.

FRONT ROW: Jody Yoder, Marla Ross, Gail Stark, Kathy Herschberger. SECOND ROW: Mgrs. Debi Hawkins, Debbie Lundy, Ellen Troyer, Linda Stark, Linda Bender, Mgr. Kris Merrick.

THIRD ROW: Mgrs., Marcia Swarm, Marianne Evans, Missy Huber, Kathy Miller, Julie Kanter, Coach Kaminskis.



The slogan "RIP 'EM UP RAIDERS!" encourages Jody Yoder as she squats to save the ball.

During practice, Marla Ross polishes her bumping skill.

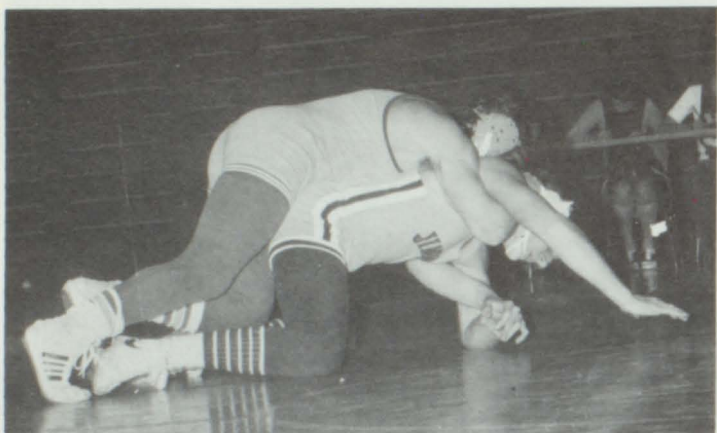
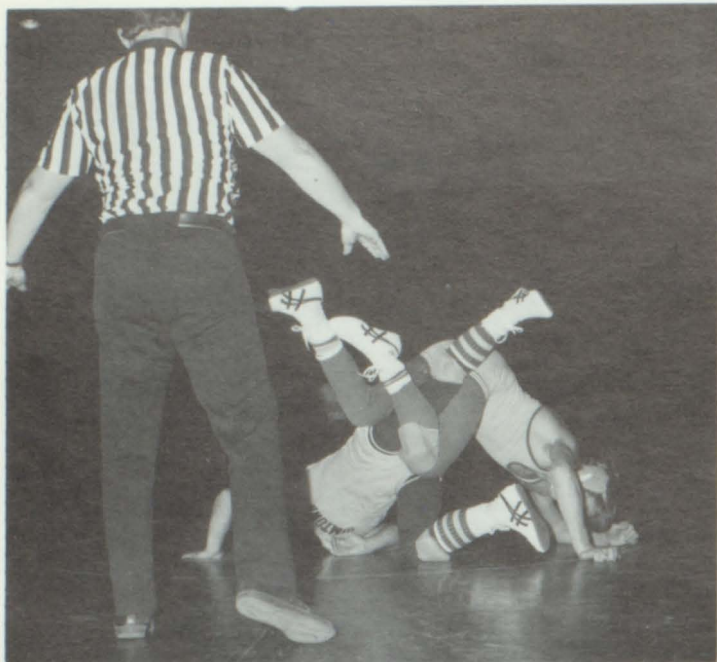
Plays involving spikes and bumps were important contributing factors toward a "productive season" as it was called by Varsity Coach Roberts. "Everyone gave 100% all the time," she stated. Seniors Delores Miller, Beth Snider and Alicen Terry provided experience for the young team.

With a tougher schedule than previous years, which included the additions of Penn and Clay, the Jr. Varsity

team finished their season at 6-5. After a slow start, they knocked off Jimtown, Elkhart Central, Concord, Lakeland and Westview. Losses scattered throughout the season included Penn, Clay, Bethany, Northwood, Fairfield and Goshen. Linda Bender, Kathy Miller and Marla Ross were Jr. Varsity individuals who played in the varsity sectional.

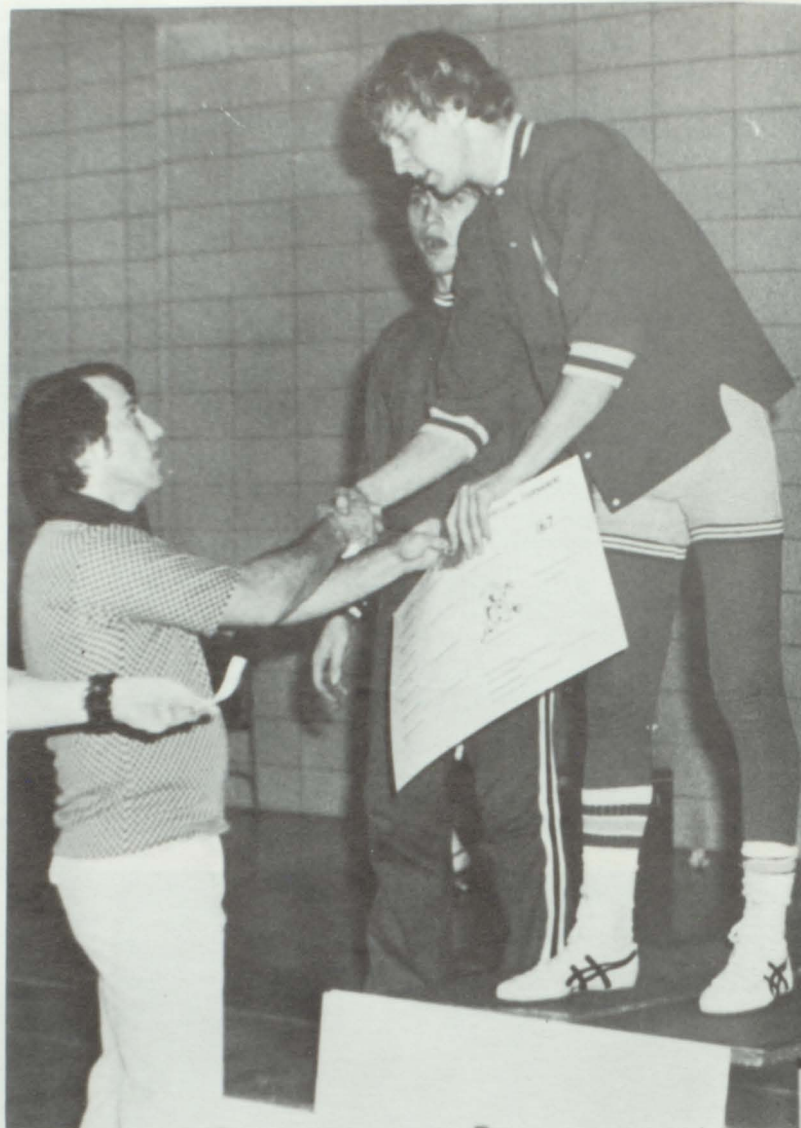


# Young Grappling Squad



With interlocked legs, Jeryl Hochstedler struggles in a match with Jimtown.

Bar arm and half nelson maneuvers are attempted by Nick Maygars to defeat his opponent.



Congratulations offered from his coach Ron Kratzer, Jeryl Hochstedler accepts his award for first place at the Northwood Invitational. Jeryl closed the season with a 23-4 record.

## 1976 VARSITY WRESTLING 1977

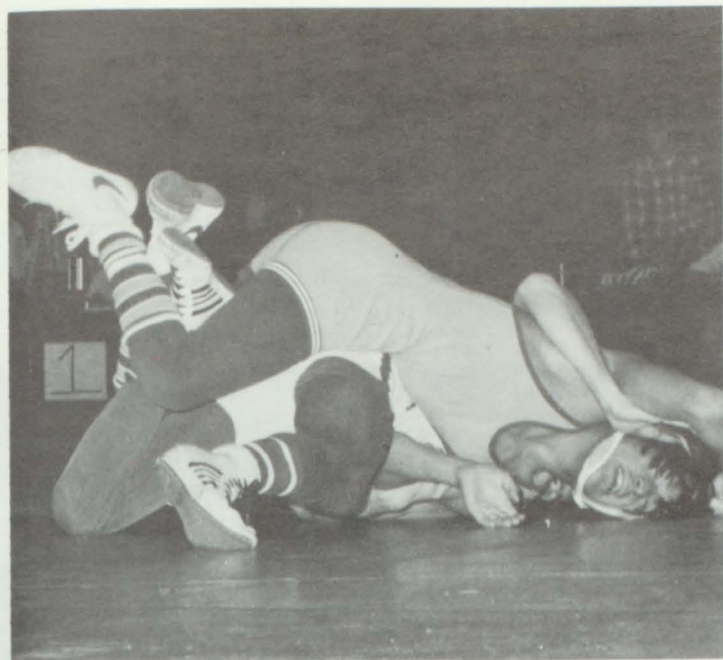
| N.H.S. |                 | FOE |
|--------|-----------------|-----|
| 18     | Jimtown         | 45  |
| 70     | Fairfield       | 64  |
| 19     | Northwood       | 40  |
| 66     | Howe Military   | 6   |
| 42     | Concord         | 24  |
| 33     | Mish. Marion    | 26  |
| 28     | West Noble      | 29  |
| 27     | Constantine     | 33  |
| 48     | White Pigeon    | 17  |
| 26     | Prairie Heights | 28  |
| 28     | St. Joseph      | 43  |
| 17     | Lakeland        | 48  |

8th of 8 teams at Northwood Invitational  
8th of 8 teams at Goshen Invitational



Head held to the mat, Mike Cardoza struggles during a losing battle.

Teammates Nick Maygars, Todd Wyse, Coaches Ron Kratzer, Bruce Bryan and fans concentrate on the action taking place on the mat.



By defeating his Concord opponent, Todd Wyse earned third place at the Elkhart Sectional.

With a firm reverse half nelson Rick Clark presses for a pin which he achieved at 1:26 into the first period. Rick ended the season with a 20-7-2 record.

Beginning the year with only eight lettermen, including just three seniors, the wrestling team relied heavily on their strong, experienced lightweights to get them through the season. With this lack of depth and a tough schedule, wins were scarce. However, the younger team members have matured through necessity and the experience gained is sure to be of value for next year's team.

Jeryl Hochstedler placed first and Todd Wyse placed second in their weight classes at the Goshen and Northwood Invationals. In sectional and regional

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1976-77 Team Members: Seniors: Rick Clark, Jeryl Hochstedler, Mike

Cardoza; Juniors: Greg Yoder, Todd Wyse, Kevin Smeltzer, Todd Yoder, Tim Wolfinger; Sophomores: Dave Yoder, Dennis Weldy, Courtney Stump, Nick Maygars, Steve Yoder, Jeff Slabach, Dan Masnfield; and Mgr., Kevin Yoder. Freshmen: Clark Mumaw, Tim Price, Roland Smith, Bob Kindel, Tim Geyer, Bart Weaver, Dave Dunlap, Dave Mockler and Frank Gill. Coaches: Ron Kratzer and Bruce Bryan.

Only losing three wrestlers through graduation, the 77-78 squad holds much promise.



# Good Season For Girls' Basketball

Nine wins and seven losses were achieved by the 1976-77 girls' varsity basketball team this season. Coach Linda Kaminskis commented, "We were inconsistent - We won games we didn't expect to - and lost some games we thought that were ours." Their scoring average increased to 45.7 points per game compared with last year's average of 33 points. Shooting

percentages also improved from 26% to 33%.

Confounded by a discouraging B-Team season Coach Jeannine Roberts remains optimistic. She stated, "Although young and inexperienced, the B-Team acquired skills and fundamentals by the end of the season essential for varsity play."

FRONT ROW: Linda Bender, Terri Hughes, Kathy Hershberger, Gail Stark, Connie Goody, Jody Kauffman, Kris Merrick. BACK ROW: Mgrs., Karen J. Yoder and Karen L. Yoder, Marianne Stafford, Mariann Evans, Julie Lundy, Sheila Kauffman, Mgr., Kym Stump.



| 1976 VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL 1977 |                  |     |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----|
| N.H.S.                             |                  | FOE |
| 40                                 | Jimtown          | 37  |
| 36                                 | Westview         | 60  |
| 51                                 | Lakeland         | 38  |
| 43                                 | Goshen           | 41  |
| 34                                 | Northwood        | 36  |
| GOSHEN TOURNEY                     |                  |     |
| 53                                 | Elkhart Memorial | 40  |
| 42                                 | Elkhart Central  | 47  |
| 46                                 | Penn             | 33  |
| 50                                 | Elkhart Memorial | 44  |
| 41                                 | Bethany          | 43  |
| 50                                 | Wawasee          | 45  |

| 1976 B-TEAM BASKETBALL 1977 |                  |     |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----|
| N.H.S.                      |                  | FOE |
| 32                          | Westview         | 22  |
| 19                          | Fairfield        | 27  |
| 15                          | Elkhart Central  | 27  |
| 14                          | Concord          | 18  |
| 22                          | Wawasee          | 33  |
| 18                          | Elkhart Memorial | 27  |
| 22                          | Penn             | 35  |
| 25                          | Northwood        | 33  |
| 15                          | Goshen           | 17  |
| 32                          | Lakeland         | 33  |
| 45                          | Fairfield        | 40  |
| 35                          | Elkhart Central  | 37  |
| 27                          | Concord          | 37  |
| SECTIONAL                   |                  |     |
| 45                          | Goshen           | 42  |
| 42                          | Elkhart Central  | 45  |



Enthusiasm from her fellow teammates and Coach Kaminskis encourages No. 10 Dee Pendleton.



Poised at the foul line is Sr. Beth Snider who ranks as the team's top free throw shooter.



FRONT ROW: Delores Ritchie, Patty Hochstetler, Marla Ross, Julie Bardo, Beth Snider. BACK ROW: Mgrs., Sara Nusbaum, and Karen Hochstetler, Kathy Miller, Missy Huber, Shelly Rouch, Denise Summers, Donya Houser and Mgr., Linda Stark.



Eye on the basket, Sr. Julie Bardo with the team's top shooting percentage drives for another two points.



Time out gives Denise Summers a chance to confer with Coach Jeannine Roberts as other B-team members listen.



Surrounded by Warriors, Sr. Shelly Rouch struggles to protect the ball. At the end of the season Shelly is ranked as top scorer with 192 points.



# Surprising Season

There's no better way to start a season than by defeating Goshen and Elkart Memorial. The varsity team often won games they were predicted to lose. This underdog element kept school spirit fired high and the games quite exciting.

A high point of the season was the 4-way tourney at Wawasee. The opener against West Noble ended in a victory after a thrilling overtime. The championship game against Whitko was fought through double overtimes resulting in a victory by 3 points. The season ended with a 13-8 record.

Unlike the varsity team, the junior varsity had a variety of experience represented. Several freshmen started on the junior varsity team. One freshman, Wendall Troyer, moved to varsity at mid-season which left a small gap in the team for a few games. Although the team finished 7-13, they gained valuable experience for the following year.

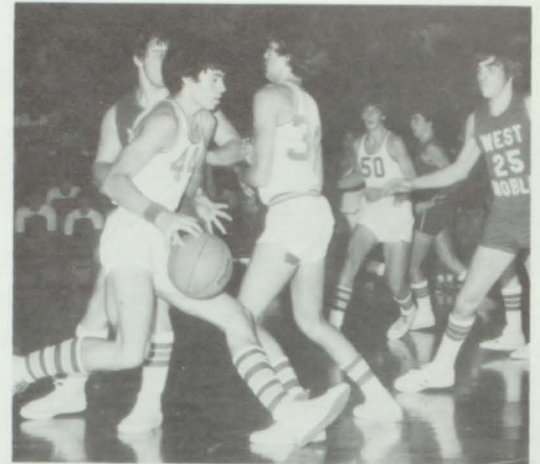
Starting out slow, the freshman team gained much knowledge throughout the season, since there was a loss of starting players. Those remaining on the team received more playing experience. Their record was 6-9.

Protection of the ball is essential as Curt Yoder searches for an open teammate.



A pick set by Guy Fisher allows Rick Chupp to drive for the basket.

In position, Todd Eash and Rick Chupp await the result of a jump ball between Devon Johnson and a Jintown player.



JUNIOR VARSITY: Todd Eash, Randy Troyer, Guy Fisher, Dave Gilson, Ron Brenneman, Devon Johnson, Coach Gary Modlin, Scott Yoder, Rick Chupp, Randy Hersberger, Bob Keil, Kirby



Herschberger. FRESHMEN: FRONT ROW: Terry Knepp, Tyler Torrence, Dan Yoder, Ron Schrock, Brent Bardo, Pat Wiggins, Mike Hatfield, Kerry Cripe. BACK ROW: Coach Don Wei-

rich, Kent Ross, Curt Yoder, Jim Galt, Ron Biller, Don Prough, Jeff Tieman, Shaun Stevens, Jerry Miller, Art Hayes, Mike Brumley, Jeff Hersberger, Alan Reed, Mgr. Brent Weaver.



Important freethrows by Kent Yoder help build up a lead against Central Noble.

Up for the dunk, Mark Fisher jumps high to slam the ball through the hoop.

Even in opening seconds, Steve Miller knows good passes are essential.



| Varsity Basketball |                    |     |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----|
| N.H.S.             |                    | Foe |
| 51                 | Goshen             | 47  |
| 73                 | White Pigeon       | 41  |
| 80                 | Northwood          | 51  |
| 62                 | Elkhart Memorial   | 54  |
| 57                 | M. C. Rogers       | 65  |
| 58                 | West Noble         | 69  |
| 71                 | Jimtown            | 77  |
| 58                 | Wawasee            | 60  |
| 66                 | Whitko             | 63  |
| 50                 | Lakeland           | 67  |
| 78                 | Mish. Marian       | 53  |
| 68                 | Fairfield          | 58  |
| 73                 | Concord            | 76  |
| 70                 | Westview           | 56  |
| 63                 | Bethany            | 50  |
| 67                 | Central Noble      | 70  |
| 81                 | Prairie Heights    | 56  |
| 62                 | Fort Wayne Dwenger | 62  |
| 51                 | Sectional          |     |
|                    | Penn               | 56  |



Keeping things under control Steve Yoder watches for an open man under the basket.

VARSITY: FRONT ROW: Mgr. Rusty Graber, Marc Slabach, Wendall Troyer, Steve Yoder, Joe Gerwels. BACK ROW: Mgrs. Steve Hochstetler, and Mike Miller, Dave Shoup, Mark Fisher, Kent Yoder, Craig Yoder, Steve Miller, Coach Irv Pratt also Tim Ryman.

Determination is shown by Tim Ryman as he goes up for a layup against Jimtown.



# Four Returning Lettermen

Named "Most Valuable Player," junior golfer Tim Zirkle concentrates on the green.

Seven freshmen participated in golf and promise valuable experience for future seasons. Returning lettermen included Joe Gerwels, Dave Shoup, Tim Tahara, and Tim Zirkle.

Coached by Mr. Bruce Stahly, the varsity squad achieved a season record of 8-9. Junior varsity golfers finished at 4-7. Home meets were played at Oak Hills Golf Course. Although the season ends along with the close of school, golf is a sport in which the amount of summer practice benefits the coming year.

## 1976 VARSITY GOLF 1977

| N.H.S. |                  | FOE |
|--------|------------------|-----|
| 193    | Lakeland         | 170 |
| 180    | Howe Military    | 193 |
| 188    | Prairie Heights  | 192 |
| 380    | Elkhart Central  | 339 |
| 182    | Wawasee          | 154 |
| 171    | Jimtown          | 188 |
| 186    | Concord          | 191 |
| 178    | Prairie Heights  | 212 |
| 175    | Westview         | 199 |
| 350    | Goshen           | 323 |
| 177    | Howe Military    | 174 |
| 183    | Central Noble    | 178 |
| 181    | Fairfield        | 196 |
| 183    | Northwood        | 170 |
| 170    | Jimtown          | 205 |
| 324    | Elkhart Memorial | 313 |
| 188    | West Noble       | 177 |
| 339    | Sectional        |     |

(Placed 8th out of 15 teams)

Varsity and Junior Varsity Golf Team Members: Jeff Pletcher, Tim Tahara, Dave Mockler, Mike Hatfield, Art Hayes, Tim Zirkle, Coach Bruce Stahly, Dave Shoup, Joe Gerwels, and Kent Wilson; Bob Keil and Bob Kindel, not pictured.





Sunlight streams through the woods as Joe Gerwels keeps his eye on the ball.



At a chilly practice Mr. Bruce Stahly gives Jeff Pletcher pointers on his putting.

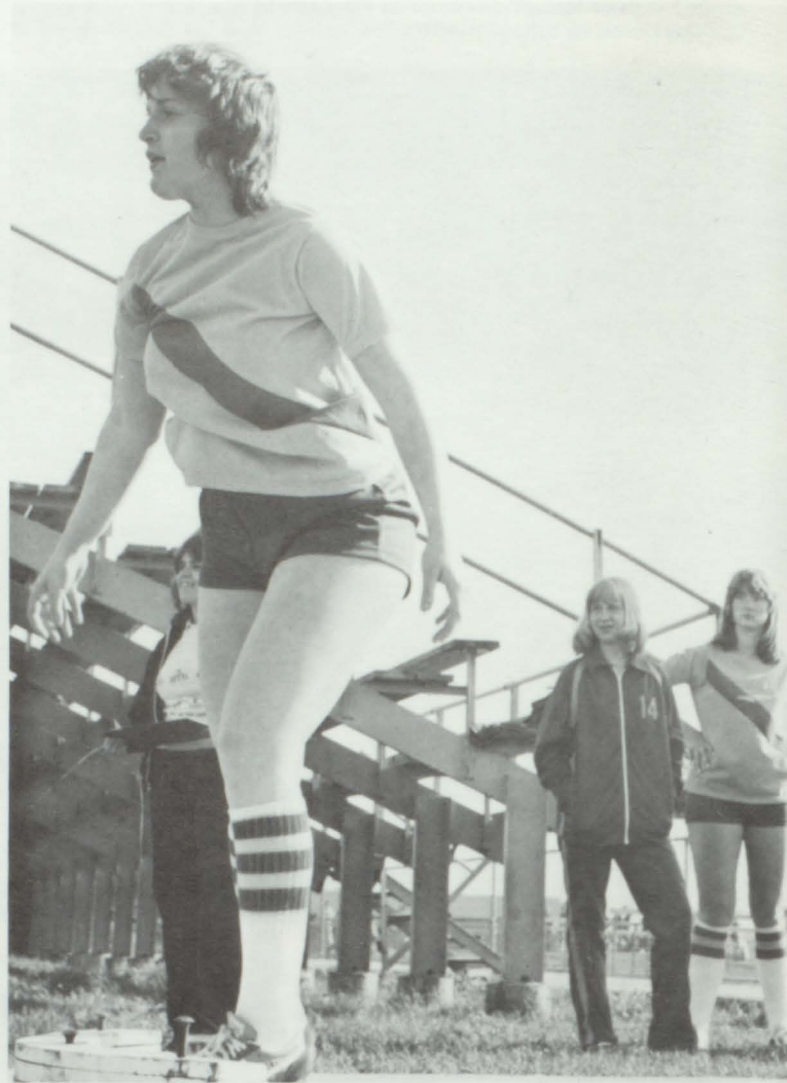


Long putt captures the close attention of Tim Tahara.



Height when jumping is a key factor for Dawn Swihart.

To make sure measurements are exact, Deb Lundy along with Angie Wyman, Donya Houser and Jane Hampton watch closely.



Shot put is measured by manager Delores Ritchie.

Girls Track: FRONT ROW: Jane Hampton, Martha Glick, Beth Cripe, Angie Wyman, Marianne Stafford, Delores Miller, Jody Yoder. SECOND ROW: Jane Bontrager, Sheila Kauffman, Kris Merrick, Alicen Terry, Dianne Schlagenhauf,

Dawn Swihart, Ellen Troyer. BACK ROW: Missy Huber, Donya Houser, Debbie Lundy, Beth Snider, Jackie Fingerle, Julie Kantner, Jan Jines, Maria Miller, Coach Kaminskis.



Softball marking stakes are checked by coach Linda Kaminskis and Ellen Troyer before the meet begins.

Starting-block practice is important for Dianne Schlagenhauf before a big race.



With only a short distance to go, Beth Snider strides to keep her lead.

Soon after the close of winter sports, track practice begins. Since spring weather is usually unfavorable, the school halls become a one-way indoor track. Endurance running, sprints, weights and Apollo workouts combine to make a night's workout. As soon as weather permits, practice moves outside to the track.

Up against rough competition, the young team compiled a season record of 3-9. Many times throughout the season distances were improved, along with records being broken. Delores Miller, Sheila Kauffman, Dianne Schlagenhauf, Alicen Terry and Deb Lundy participated in the sectional meet. Only Alicen Terry advanced, competing in the 80-yard hurdles.

## *Terry Runs Regional*



# Under New Management

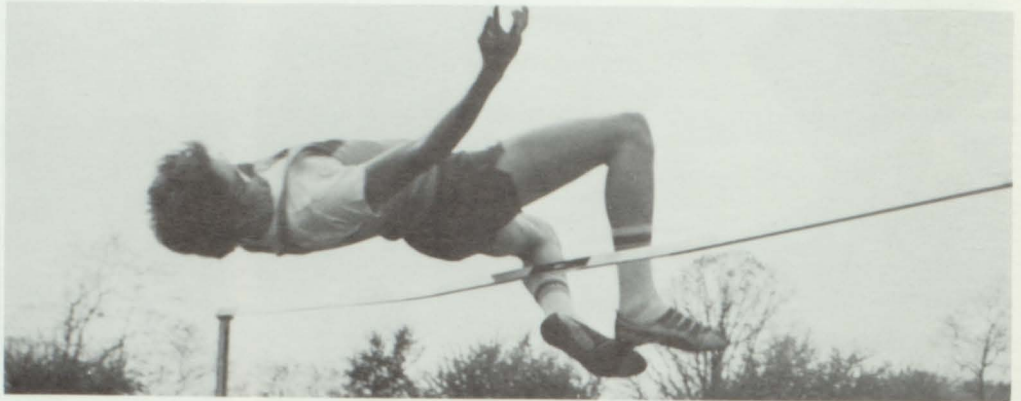
Promise shows in freshman Ron Biller with his best jump of 5'11".

Under the supervision of a new head coach, Mr. Ken VonGunten, the Raider team worked very hard and although their losses outnumbered their wins, their efforts should be commended. The team went to the Concord and Goshen relays placing sixth and sixteenth respectively. There were nine Raiders who qualified for Sectional: Mark Fisher in the high hurdles and high jump, taking second place with a 6'5" jump, Steve Yoder in the mile placing sixth, Randy Troyer in the 220, Tim Wolfinger in the 880, Kevin Smeltzer in the discus, and Scott Harper, Randy Troyer, Brian Fry and Ron Lundy in the 880 relay. High jumper Mark Fisher was the only team member to qualify for regional, ending his jumping record at 6'5½".

The young team gained a lot of valuable experience to tuck under their belts for next year to explode into a new, even greater season.

## 1976 TRACK 1977

| N.H.S.                                        |                 | FOE |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 47                                            | Fairfield       | 80  |
| 58½                                           | Lakeland        | 68½ |
| 48                                            | Wawasee         | 79  |
| 57                                            | Prairie Heights | 69  |
| 26                                            | Goshen          | 101 |
| 49                                            | Central Noble   | 78  |
| 43                                            | Westview        | 84  |
| 5th of 5 teams at the West Noble Invitational |                 |     |
| 49                                            | Northwood       | 78  |
| 91                                            | Hamilton        | 36  |
| 60                                            | West Noble      | 67  |
| 77                                            | Jimtown         | 50  |



Top distance runner, senior Steve Yoder finishes second after a grueling race with Hamilton.

A close race in the 100-yard dash results in a sweep by Kevin Smeltzer, Randy Troyer and Devon Johnson.

Most valuable in field events and sprints, Mark Fisher streaks over the high hurdles.



FRONT ROW: Dan Yoder, Roland Smith, Keith Bontrager, Kevin Smeltzer, Ron Lundy, Brian Fry, Randy Troyer, Phil Pressler, Kirby Hersberger, and Mark Fisher. SECOND ROW: Tim Wolfinger, Ron Sherck, Dave Campbell, Todd Franklin, David Ambrose, Bob Kindel, Steve

Yoder, Jeff Yoder, Jeff Craig and Mgr., Ron Jones. BACK ROW: Assistant Coach Steve Muck, Ron Biller, Scott Harper, Allan Reed, Bill Tana, Mike Miller, Devon Johnson, Chuck Morris, and Coach Ken VonGunten.

His first year as head coach, Mr. VonGunten led his team to a 2-10 season.



Long jump form is displayed by Randy Troyer, as assistant coach Mr. Steve Muck and teammates look on.

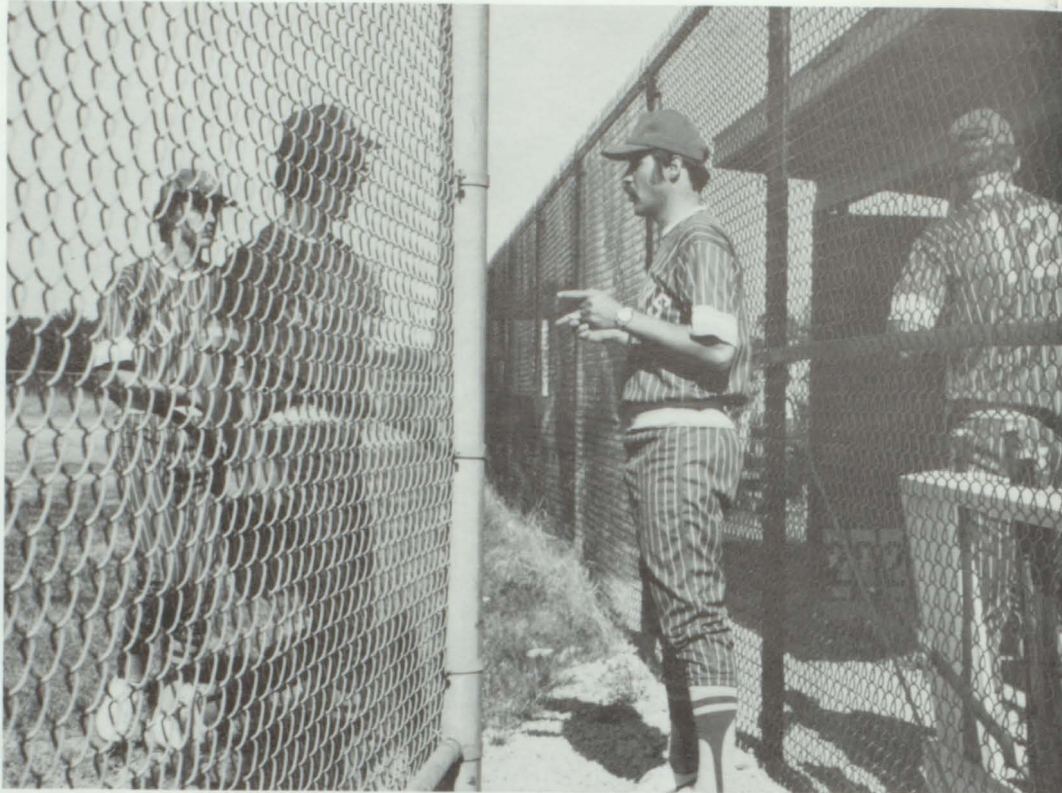


# Batter Up!!!

Instructions are made specific as Coach Verlyn Nofzinger confers with Steve Leach and Randy Bender.

Beginning late in the season and opening with some of the toughest games caused the varsity baseball team to get off to a rather sluggish start. The Raiders stood tall at all of their games and gave their opponents some tough competition, according to Coach Verlyn Nofzinger. They participated in the Northern Indiana and Michigan Summer League last summer, defeated Fairfield 5-2, and went on to defeat West Noble in the second round of the tournament. This spring they also played in the Concord Invitational, defeating Concord 5-2 and Northwood 3-2 in extra innings. In the Sectional, the team suffered a crushing blow, losing 6-5 to Central after experiencing a five-run lead. Special recognition goes to seniors Steve Leach, Steve Miller, Tim Ryman, Bill Sonner, Jim Schwartz and Kent Yoder for their fine performances and team contributions over the years they played.

The well-balanced B-team worked hard together to achieve a respectable record of eight wins and four losses. They show promise in becoming an aggressive varsity team, predicted Coach Dick Cole.



Ready to swing, senior Rick Robinson, with a .371 batting average, awaits the pitch.

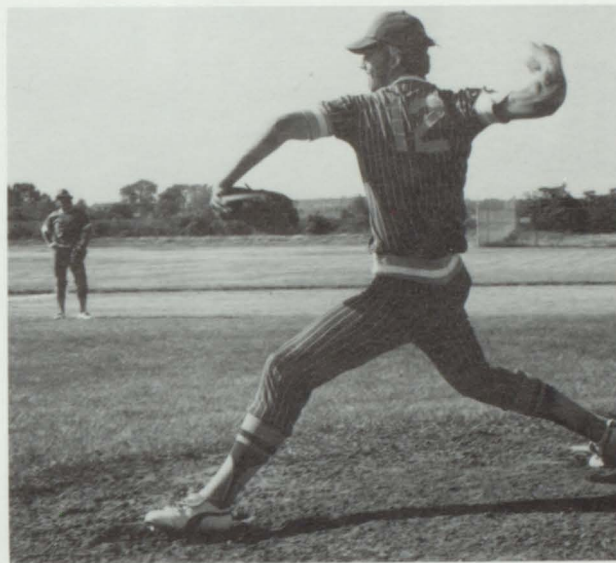


Outfielders are put on the defense as Craig Yoder slugs the ball.



FRONT ROW: Mgr. Steve Miller, Tim Ryman, Rick Robinson, Randy Miller, Marc Slabach, Bill Sonner, Ron Robinson. BACK ROW: Coach Verlyn Nofzinger, Bat girl, Karen Kurtz, Randy Mock-

ler, Steve Leach, Steve Miller, Craig Yoder, Kent Yoder, Jim Schwartz, Randy Bender, and Bat girl, Karen Westerbeck.



#### 1976 VARSITY BASEBALL 1977

| N.H.S. |                  | FOE |
|--------|------------------|-----|
| 2      | Jimtown          | 4   |
| 0      | second game      | 7   |
| 4      | Goshen           | 8   |
| 2      | Concord          | 5   |
| 3      | Lakeland         | 10  |
| 4      | Elkhart Memorial | 6   |
| 2      | Elkhart Central  | 7   |
| 1      | Northwood        | 0   |
| 5      | Centerville      | 9   |
| 15     | second game      | 3   |
| 4      | Wawasee          | 2   |
| 0      | Westview         | 1   |
| 5      | West Noble       | 16  |
| 17     | second game      | 21  |
| 2      | Fairfield        | 8   |
| 9      | Jimtown          | 5   |
| 4      | Bethany          | 7   |
|        | SECTIONAL        |     |
| 5      | Elkhart Central  | 6   |

#### 1976 B-TEAM BASEBALL 1977

| N.H.S. |             | FOE |
|--------|-------------|-----|
| 11     | Bronson     | 6   |
| 6      | Jimtown     | 3   |
| 3      | second game | 4   |
| 0      | Goshen      | 15  |
| 5      | Wawasee     | 3   |
| 5      | Northwood   | 17  |
| 7      | Lakeland    | 4   |
| 8      | Concord     | 9   |
| 7      | Centerville | 3   |
| 8      | second game | 1   |
| 7      | Jimtown     | 6   |
| 12     | Lakeland    | 6   |

Catcher Tim Ryman, prepares to throw the ball.

Pitcher Kent Yoder hurls the ball to home plate.

FRONT ROW: Joel Ryman, Ron Schrock, Jeff Slabach, Curt Yoder, Brent Bardo, Kirby Hershberger, Kerry Cripe, and Duane Leach. BACK ROW: Coach Dick Cole, Steve Gonzales, Terry Knepp, Jim Mullet, Jim Galt, Devon Johnson, Tony Fingerele, Guy Fisher, Bob Heign, and David Tieman. Not Pictured is: Dan Yoder and Wendel Troyer.



Coach Roberts accepts a necklace from the varsity volleyball team, presented by Beth Snider.

Award winners at the Winter Sports Banquet:  
FRONT ROW: Beth Snider, Shelly Rouch. BACK ROW: Steve Miller, Mark Fisher, and Jeryl Hochstetler.



The Most Valuable Runner award in cross country was handed to Steve Yoder by Coach Modlin.



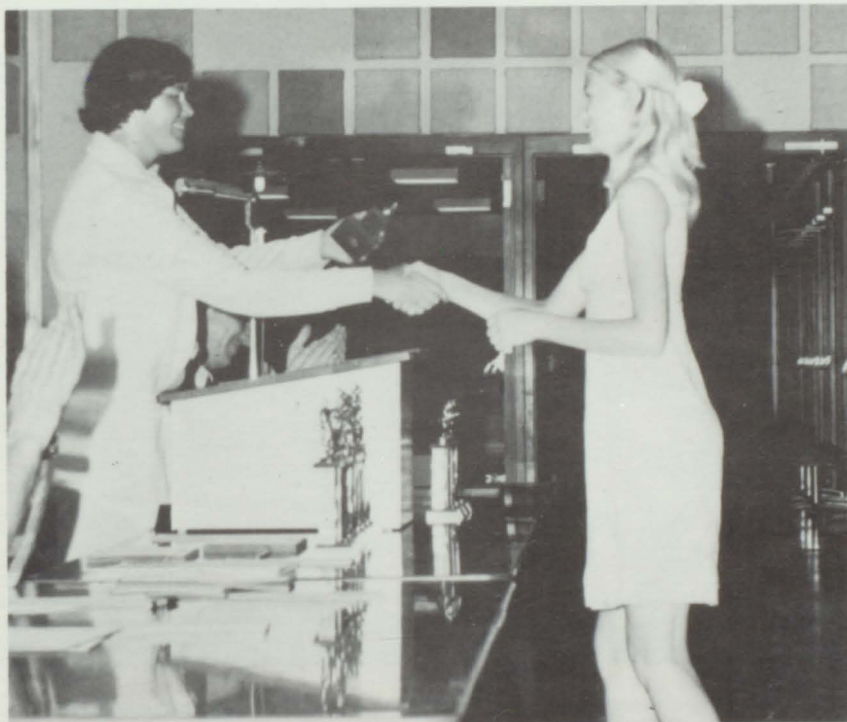
Just after coming home from a game with Jimtown, the baseball players come in appropriate

attire to receive their team awards from Coach Nofzinger.



# Sports, Award Winners

Handed his team award for golf, Joe Gerwels grins at Coach Bruce Stahly.



Named Leading Sprinter, Alicen Terry receives congratulations from Coach Linda Kaminskis.

## Fall

Varsity Football: Defensive stand-out, Most Fumble Recoveries: Kent Yoder. Most interceptions, Most Valuable Player, Most Yardage in One Game: Mark Fisher. Longest Touchdown Pass, Most Total Offense, Mental Attitude Award: Jim Schwartz.

Cross Country: Most Valuable Player: Steve Yoder.

Varsity Volleyball: Most Valuable Player (Offense): Delores Miller. Most Valuable Player (defense): Beth Snider. Best Mental Attitude: Donya Houser.

## Winter

Boys Basketball: Most Valuable Player, Top Rebounder: Mark Fisher. Free Throw Award: Steve Miller.

Girls Basketball: Most Valuable Player, Best Free-Throw Shooter: Beth Snider. Top Rebounder: Shelly Rouch.

Wrestling: Most Valuable Player, Most Points: Jeryl Hochstetler.

## Spring

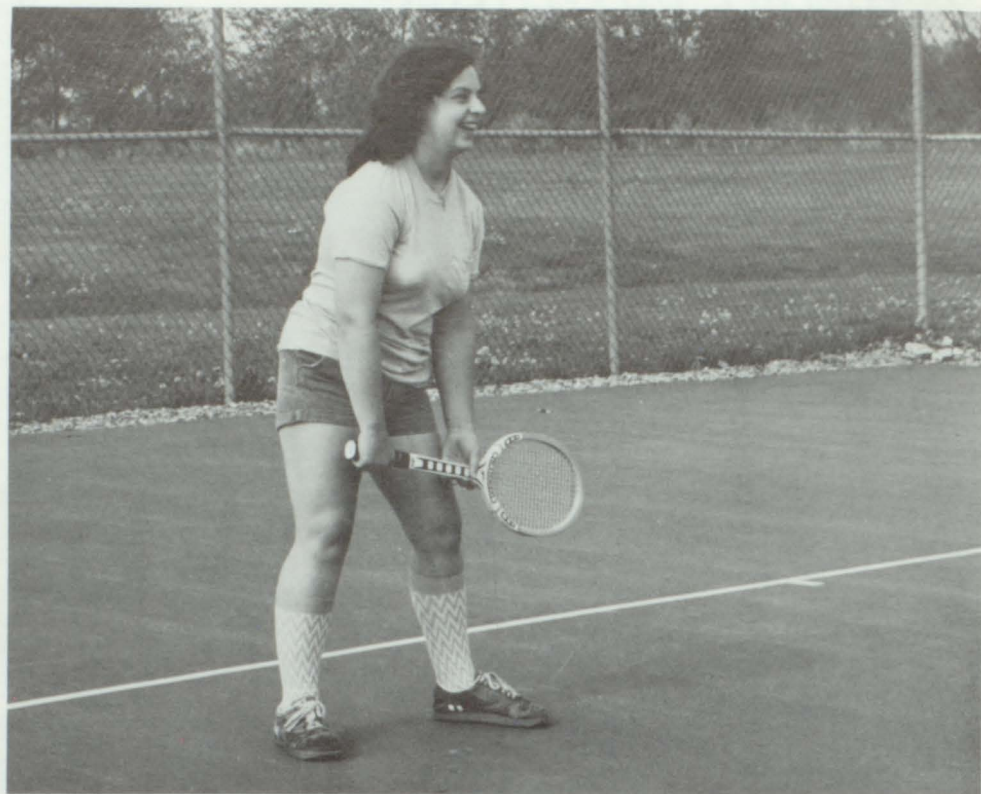
Boys Track: Top Distance Runner: Steve Yoder. Most Valuable in Field Events and Sprints: Mark Fisher.

Girls Track: Most Valuable in Field Events: Delores Miller. Top Distance Runner: Beth Snider. Leading Sprinter: Alicen Terry.

Baseball: Most Valuable Offense (glove): Rick Robinson. Most Valuable Defense (bat): Kent Yoder.

Golf: Most Valuable Player: Tim Zirkle.





In position, Anne Nich awaits the serve.



Tennis instructor Jeannine Roberts demonstrates a powerful serve.

After serving, Janice Gingerich watches for the return volley.



# TENNIS:

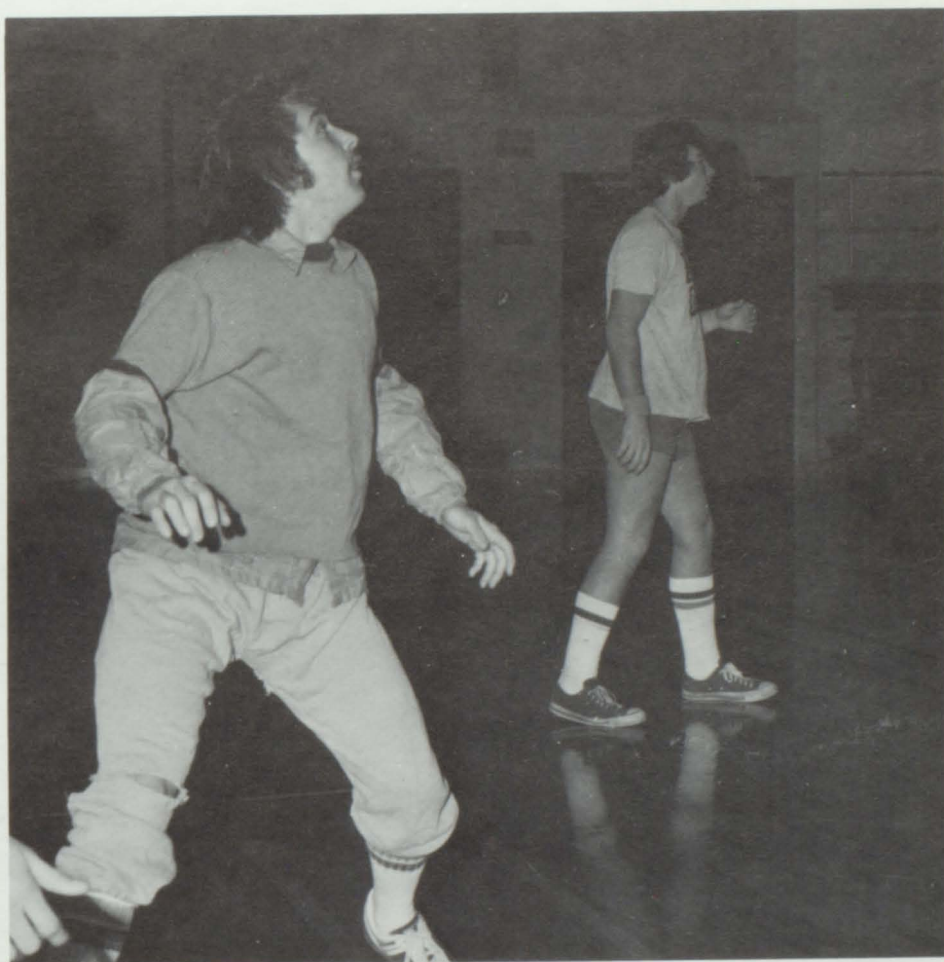
## *New Intramural Sport*

Spectators were few at intramural basketball and tennis but both were equally important. As for the basketball teams, they met once a week at Northridge or Heritage with many participants. To play intramurals one must not be involved in any other high school sport at that time. The organization was sponsored by Mr. Ken Von-Gunten. The season generally ran parallel to the varsity basketball season.

For the first time at Northridge, tennis was added as an intramural sport, organized by Jeannine Roberts. It was offered to freshmen through juniors. Plans are being completed for tennis to become a regular varsity sport next year. Those participating this year are preparing for the coming year's competition. Practice started during track season, meeting every night after school.



Practice gives Joyce Miller a chance to polish her serve.



A full court pass is awaited by Rick Robinson and Jerry Weirich during intramural basketball.



Service Club members Phil Hochstetler and Steve Mullet supply fans with food and drinks during halftime.

During an FHA meeting, Nelda Snider discusses a problem with Kim Truex, Joan Swanson and other members.



As a publisher's deadline approaches, Shield editor Pat Tarr and Staffer Yvonne Yoder discuss a layout.

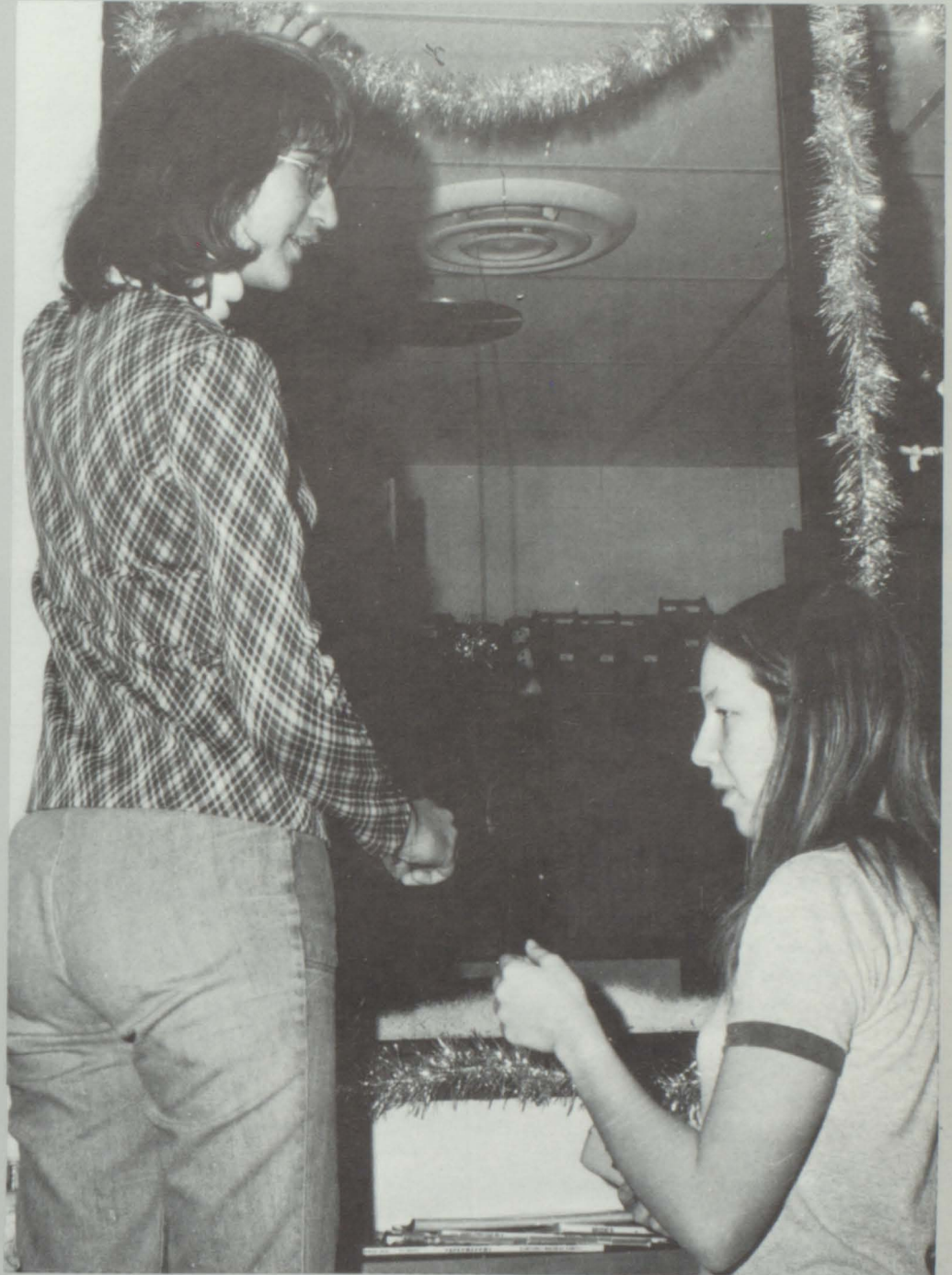
Dawn Swihart may look like the devil, but she and Amy Frederick are just enjoying a Campus Life ice cream-eating contest.





# ORGANIZATIONS SHARE GOALS & ENJOYMENTS

Like all extra-curricular activities, organizations at Northridge attract students with common interests. Some of these groups are largely educational. The Library Club and FHA, for example, include teaching students important facts and keeping them up-to-date with innovations in each field. Other groups largely provide services. The Shield staff compiles and distributes a yearly overview for the student body and community, while Service Club members donate their time to help with many school-sponsored activities. Still other groups are largely for Christian growth and sharing. Campus Life and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meet to involve members in discussions and to share in spiritual growth. The National Honor Society recognizes scholastic achievement and leadership potential. Each of these organizations attracts different types of students, yet all of them include social activities that bring people closer together through sharing good times. The number of organizations at Northridge may not have reached its peak, but those who are involved have profited.



Christmas tinsel is hung in the Materials Center by Library Club members Amy McLaughlin and Kyra Rood.



# Peeking at the year

Do you know that work on a yearbook begins as early as July? In fact, way back in the Spring the sponsors interviewed potential staff members.

In late July, the yearbook editors and several staff members attended a six-day journalism workshop at Ball State University. They learned different basic yearbook designs and techniques, as well as new ideas necessary for creating a quality yearbook. While at the workshop the SHIELD representatives won two awards based on their class-room work.

In August, the entire SHIELD staff met together for a three-day orientation session at Northridge. Participants in the Ball State workshop shared ideas learned there with those staff members that didn't attend it. Together, they familiarized themselves with the procedures they would be using and organized for the year's work ahead.

Throughout the year, there were work nights held at the homes of the editors and sponsors. Weekly meetings on Monday nights gave the staff a chance to ask for help and suggestions on their lay-outs and copy.

In addition to the regular staff and photographers, Kevin Koch and Leonard Nielson contributed their photography talents second semester.

One Language Arts credit is earned for being on the SHIELD staff, as long as one's deadlines are met.

Working together, they learned how to create a unique memory book for the students. The staff learned from the experience and enjoyed doing it. They hope you enjoy your yearbook.

Evaluation of their own work takes place as staff photographers Todd Wyse and Rhonda Grewe examine yearbook pictures.



Getting into the mood of things, SHIELD sponsors Kate Becker and Susan McCrumb add a little entertainment to a hectic work session.



More than time is involved in yearbook. Space and patience are required in assembling the pages. Yvonne Yoder, (staff), answers a ques-

tion, Bonnie Weaver (staff) crops a picture, Laurie Yoder, Donya Houser, (staff), and Amy Metzler sort through photos.



Everybody gets into the promotion of the year-book. Rachel Herman, staff artist, gives business manager Karen Kurtz advice on the art of poster making.



Wishful thinking is the expression on the face of Joan Swanson who dreams of completed layouts and copy during a work session.



Two awards won by the SHIELD staff at Ball State are presented by Pat Tarr to Dr. Bollinger.



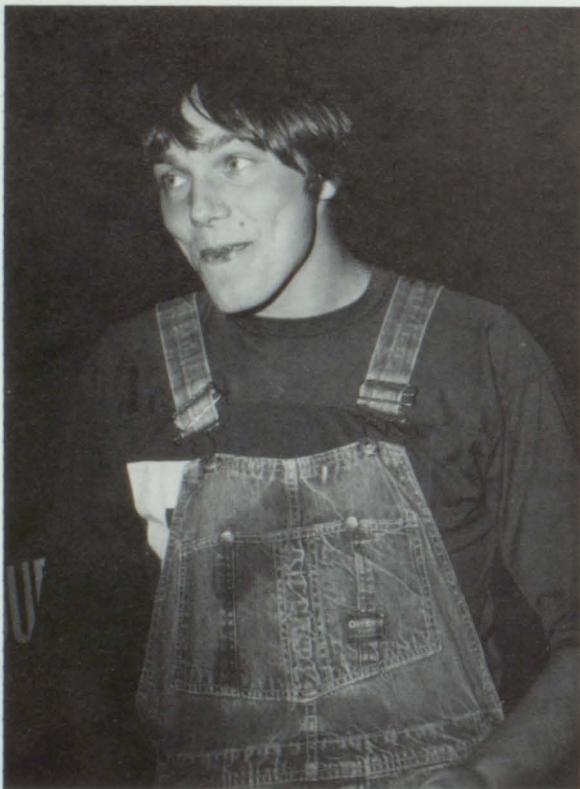
Assistance is always welcome as Bonnie Weaver tries out her ideas on Pat Tarr (senior editor, left) and Amy Metzler (junior editor, right).



Informal discussion is led by Bob Rosentrater, Campus Life director.



At a trough full of ice cream, Laurie Case, Ricklyn Cox, and Dilynn Zook fill up with chocolate and pineapple sundaes to their hearts' content.



No feelings of guilt inhibit Mark Fisher as he fills his face with calories.



Shivers occur when Phil Hochstetler has his jersey packed with ice.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Mr. Don Weirich, Alicen Terry, Dolores Miller (president), Tim Ryman, Donya Houser, Ron Biller, Kerry Cripe, Jeryl Hochstedler, and Jim Sherck.

## Everyday Christianity



Interest in the discussion sparkles in the eyes of Mr. Don Weirich, F.C.A. sponsor.



Craig Yoder expresses a serious point as Donya Houser listens intently.

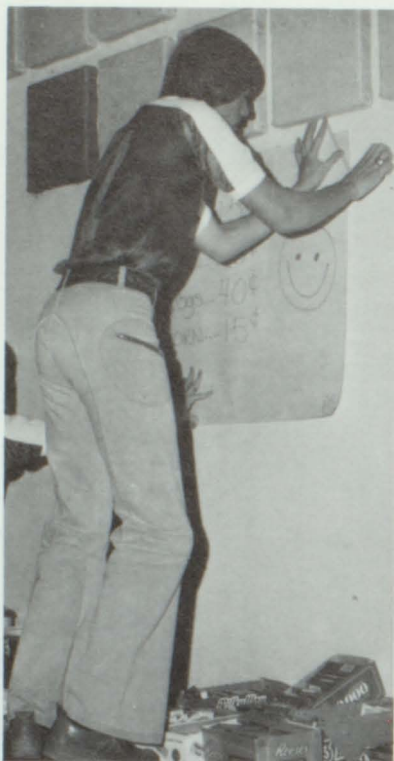
Balance of light and serious moments is accomplished at weekly Tuesday night meetings of Campus Life. Dating, sex, marriage, and life's problems are discussed from a Christian point of view. Consuming a huge ice cream sundae, and stuffing people into a bathtub were among the crazier feats undertaken by the group.

Verses quoted from the Bible are aids in the rap sessions of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. With common moral beliefs, the sixteen members share about individual and team growth and problems.



# Elected And Selected

President Phil Hochstetler participated in other school functions.



Assisting the president, Donya Houser acts as second-in-command.



Recording the minutes is Karen Kurtz's responsibility as secretary.



As treasurer, Todd Wyse was elected to manage all finances.



STUDENT COUNCIL: FRONT ROW: Craig Yoder, Don Prough, Todd Wyse, Kerry Cripe, Jeannie Graber, Cheryl Schrock, and Donya Houser. SECOND ROW: Mr. Bruce Stahly, Kurt Yoder,

Phil Hochstetler, Tara Kindy, Karen Kurtz, Steve Leach, and Dave Mockler. NOT SHOWN: Kevin Schmidt, Jeff Slabach, Kelly Chapman, Chris Yoder, and Rick Robinson.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: FRONT ROW: Delores Miller, Julia Weaver, Sally Torrence, LeAnn Ryder, Amy Metzler, Carla Wyse, and Debi Oesch. SECOND ROW: Maxine Troyer, Carol Slabach, Anita Mock, Sharon Swihart, Tara Kindy, Alicen Terry, and Catherine Smith

(sponsor). BACK ROW: Mark Fisher, Beth Snider, Steve Yoder, Bill Sonner, Kent Yoder, Tim Ryman, Merle Yoder, and Craig Yoder. NOT SHOWN: Shelly Rouch, Jeff Parker, Lucinda Oldfather, Steve Leach, Julie Bardo, and Rachael Herman.

Mr. Steve Muck contributes part of his time to be a sponsor for the Honor Society.



When president Beth Snider is absent, Bill Sonner, vice president utilizes his authority during a vote, and Carol Slabach, secretary and treasurer (not shown) records the nominees.

An induction ceremony, complete with candles and speakers, introduces new members into the J. Lloyd Trump chapter of National Honor Society. Named for the first principal of Jefferson High School, the organization consists of twenty-seven members and two sponsors. The organization determines membership of students with high standards of character, scholarship, and leadership qualities.

Dances, assemblies, and other entertaining and learning experiences are the responsibilities of the Student Council. Four elected representatives from each class and officers make up the council, which is sponsored by Mr. Bruce Stahly.



# From Books To Cooks

Morning meetings prove helpful to the librarians because Mrs. Smith not only commends them for jobs that were well done, but also helps them to criticize their work. The Library Club, composed of Materials Center workers, had fourteen members the first semester and ten the second. Besides checking out, putting away, and straightening up the books, these people also design one of the bulletin boards. If students have various questions about the Materials Center, these librarians have the answers.

What will the Future Homemaker of America be like? Will she be a career woman or a housewife? As a club, the F.H.A. members experimented with homemaking to see what conclusions they could draw. Last year, a bicentennial quilt was started to give to a needy family. This year the project was continued with a goal of completing it. Another traditional project for F.H.A. was to have a Christmas party for children on welfare. They presented the children with two gifts each: one of gloves or mittens, the other a toy. In addition to these activities, discussions were held on such topics as dating and marriage partners.

Besides putting away books, Bonnie Keim and Amy McLaughlin enjoy each other's company.



Presents are being handed to sponsor Catherine Smith by Mariann Evans at the club Christmas party.



In addition to their regular duties, these librarians Gayle Kauffman, Roy Cox, and Cathy Mitschelen, prepare a bulletin board for the Materials Center.



During the recreation at a meeting for new members, sponsor Nelda Snider shows Janice Gingrich how to play the game.



Marcia Swarm demonstrated a different way to eat popcorn as Sara Mast, secretary/treasurer watched.



This time, president Denise Ryman listens instead of leading at an after school meeting.



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA: FRONT ROW: Tina Williams, Sara Mast, Denise Ryman, Kim Truex, and Deb Schrock. BACK ROW: Mariann Evans, Marcia Swarm, Cindy Pegg, Joan

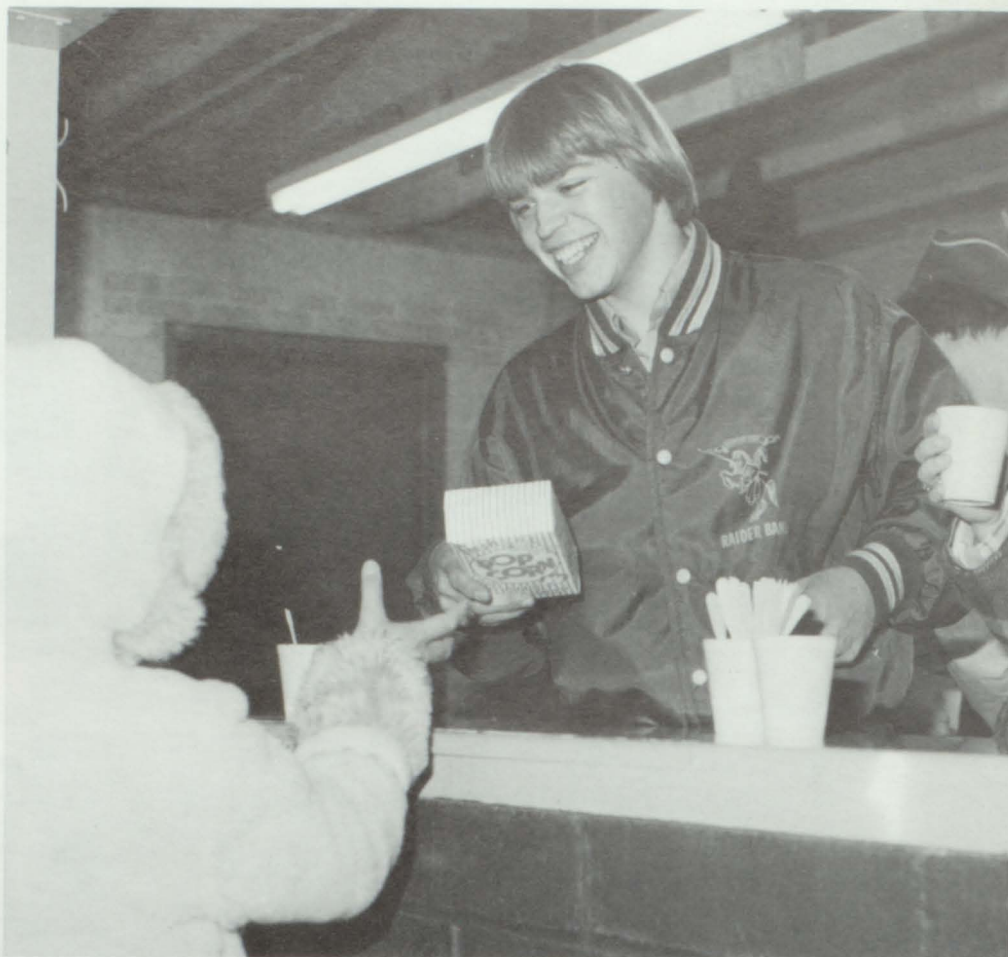
Swanson, Yvonne Yoder, Janice Gingrich, Joyce Miller, and Mrs. Nelda Snider. NOT SHOWN: Melissa Moseng, and Anetta Borntrager.



# Service before, during, and after

A senior oriented group, the Service Club runs all concessions and coat check as part of their regular jobs. They prepare the food, sell it, and always stay to clean up, not just the concessions, but also the gymnasium after the home games. Sponsored by Mr. Phil Berkey and Mr. Dana Snider, Service Club has forty-one seniors: Dolores Miller, JoAnn Graber, Jeryl Hochstedler, Tim Ryman, Pat Ruiz, Beth Snider, Kent Yoder, Alicen Terry, Carla Wyse, Steve Mullet, Nancy Culver, Bill Sonner, Tim Tahara, Rachael Herman, Steve Leach, Tara Kindy, Karen Kurtz, Kevin Miller, Patty Tarr, Karen Westerbeek, Gayle Kauffman, Jack Klaer, Scott Robinson, Dan Lee, Carol Stafford, Jenny Thursby, LeAnn Ryder, Chuck Morris, Phil Hochstetler, Mark Fisher, Greg Puckett, Anita Mock, Jeanne Baker, Debi Oesch, Maxine Troyer, Brian Miller, Mike Ganger, Norman Borntrager, Debbie Bontrager, Chris Bowers, and Jeannine Hout.

Brian Miller shows that even at a football game you can have "Service with a Smile."



Everybody works at half-time when purchases include everything from hot dogs to candy bars.



By the end of the season, Karen Kurtz was adept at sweeping the floor.

Selling in the stands is another activity in which the Service Club must take part. Popcorn selling is left up to Steve Leach, Tim Ryman, Jeryl Hochstedler, and Tara Kindy.



Since cold drinks are a big seller when basketball season starts, Greg Puckett and Tim Tahara keep the machines running.

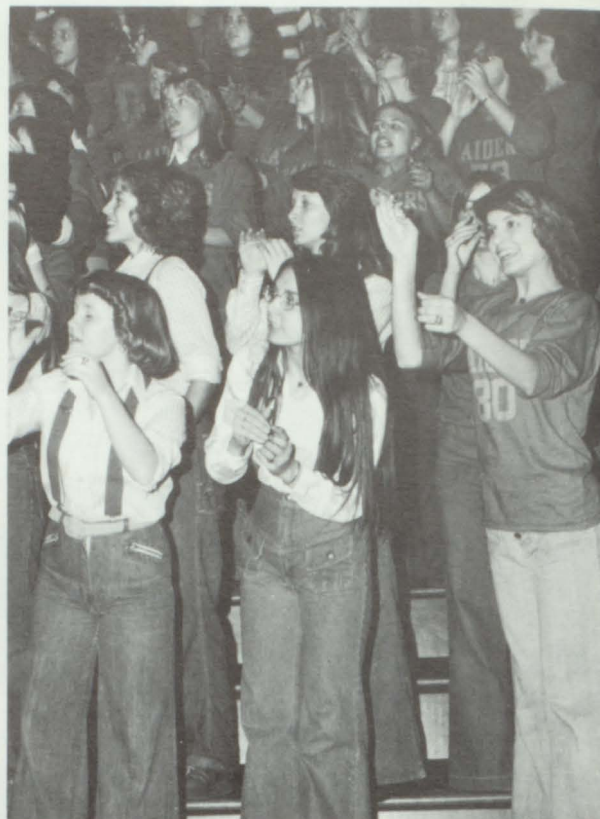
While working concessions, Deb Bontrager tries warming up with some hot chocolate.



Sectional pressure is shown through the gestures of the Raiderettes as they closely observe the action.



Expressions vary on the faces of the girls as they cheer the team on to victory.



Raiderettes pause during half-time for a picture.



Imitations of the opponents are performed by the fans.



Having a good time is not out-of-the-question at games, as some of the Freshman boys set out to prove.

## Organized Enthusiasm



Sometimes intent observation is the most appropriate conduct.

Team support is one of the basic ingredients in the mixture of competition and challenge. Two organizations at Northridge have the goal of boosting team spirit. The Raiderettes and Booster Club members are: SENIORS: J. Baker, J. Bardo, D. Bontrager, L. Boughner, C. Bowers, N. Culver, D. Eash, A. Frederick, J. Graber, J. Hout, G. Kauffman, T. Kindy, K. Kurtz, D. Miller, G. Miller, P. Ruiz, C. Stafford, D. Swihart, P. Tarr, A. Terry, J. Thursby, S. Torrance, J. Troyer, M. Troyer, P. Weaver, K. Westerbeck, R. White, L. Wiederman, C. Wyse, L. Ryder, T. Tahara, R. Keim, J. Hochstedler, J. Parker, and S. Leach. JUNIORS: J. Brandenberger, D. DeKay, V. Dunithan, P. Eash, D. Hawkins, K. Hochstetler, D. Houser, S. Mast, D. McCraner, A. Metzler, J. Miller, C. Mockler, L. Overpeck, C. Pegg, D. Ryman, S. Sailer, J. Swanson, M. Swarm, B. Weaver, D. Wilkey, T. Williams, L. Wills, R. Grewe, R. Stevens, P. Hochstetler, D. Schlagenhauf, C. Weldy, H. Hamilton, R. Jones, B. Snyder, J. Weirich, P. Pressler, R. Troyer, R. Robinson, R. Mockler, T. Zirkle, G. Kauffman, E. Congdon, R. Weaver, N. Thomas, R. Lantz, R. Brenneman, K. Douthick, M. Wallace, D. Falb, and T. Miller. SOPHOMORES: J. Blyly, J. Brandenberger, K. Chapman, R. Cox, S. Douthick, M. Evans, J. Fingerle, J. Gingerich, M. Glick, J. Graber, T. Grove, K. Hershberger, C. Hooley, J. Jines, S. Kauffman, B. Keim, L. Long, D. Lundy, C. Mast, J. Miller, K. Miller, R. Miller, T. Moore, S. Nusbaum, T. Peterson, D. Pendleton, D. Schmucker, R. Shafer, V. Stahley, L. Stark, S. Thursby, J. Swanson, K. Truex, L. Watson, B. Yoder, K. Yoder, L. Yoder, Y. Yoder, D. Miller, V. Weaver, J. Hampton, D. Mauck, K. Hershberger, J. Yoder, D. Leach, N. Magyar, J. Ryman, J. Craig, D. Yoder, J. Castanando, J. Beachy, K. Carlin, T. Stahley, J. Bainter, A. Cardoza, V. Kiel, T. Fingerle, R. Sherk, D. Sellers, J. Riegsecker, S. Yoder, J. Forrester, K. Bontrager, C. Stump, K. Frye. FRESHMEN: D. Armstrong, K. Baker, H. Bauer, J. Bontrager, A. Catell, J. Dunithan, G. Hochstedler, M. Huber, J. Kantner, S. Kropf, K. Kurtz, P. Miller, K. Parker, C. Pletcher, K. Smucker, R. Williams, S. DeKay, L. Troyer, K. Yoder, J. Yoder, A. Wyman, T. Truex, T. Troyer, K. Troyer, K. Stump, G. Stark, T. Stahley, S. Morris, D. Stahley, D. Smith, M. Stafford, R. Miller, J. Pletcher, K. Ross, S. Miller, R. Chupp, B. Bontrager, J. Geyer, B. Kindell, D. Miller, D. Yoder, A. Paulson, J. Tackett, R. Schrock, M. Miller, T. Torrance, B. Weaver, A. Reed, T. Price.



# Sounds Of Harmony

Chosen through auditions held the preceding Spring, Sound of Friends and Chamber Singers enjoyed a sometimes hectic schedule, but one rich with opportunities to perform and improve. Choral director Mr. Gerald Rasler leads the two select groups.

Sound of Friends opened their season with a preview program for the Northridge Music Parents Association. In January, they brought home a superior rating from NISBOVA Swing Choir Contest in Fort Wayne. Community performances were scattered throughout the year, with sometimes 2 or 3 scheduled within a month. The annual April all-day tour of York, Middlebury, and Jefferson elementaries ended with a convocation for the combined audiences of Northridge and Heritage student bodies.

Sound of Friends sang and danced at the Spring Thing, held on the schools front lawn on a pleasant May evening. They combined with Jazz Band to provide an exciting climax of "Up with People."

Chamber Singers sang sacred music and madrigals. In addition to performing in all the choir concerts, they presented Otis Skilling's religious musical "Discovery" to seven area churches and a local senior citizens' group. This endeavor occupied their rehearsal time from January through May. Another highlight of their year was earning a superior rating at district NISBOVA contest. They later received an excellent citation at state contest in Indianapolis.

Chamber Singers: AT PIANO: Anita Mock. FRONT ROW: Amy Metzler, Jeannie Brandenberger, Cindy Mockler, Brian Miller, and Keith Roberts. SECOND ROW: Jeanne Baker, Carol Snider, Angie Miller, Jerry Weirich, and Jeff Parker.

THIRD ROW: Tara Kindy, Julie Bardo, Carl Yoder, and Kevin Douthick. BACK ROW: Karen Kurtz, Jenny Thursby, Craig Yoder, and Kevin Miller. NOT PICTURED: Hope Foster.



Bass guitar accompaniment to Chamber Singers is provided by Keith Roberts.



Looking over some music, Craig Yoder prepares for the presentation of "Discovery."



Sound of Friends: FRONT ROW: Brian Miller, Jeannie Graber, Joel Ryman, Angie Miller, and Jeff Yoder. SECOND ROW: Steve Leach, Pat Tarr, Jerry Weirich, Stacy Sailer, Carl Yoder, Chris Yoder, Rusty Graber, Sandy Outman, Dave

Mockler, and Amy Metzler. BACK ROW: Kevin Miller, Anita Mock, Kevin Doutlick, Keith Roberts, Valerie Weaver, Craig Yoder, and Tara Kindy. NOT PICTURED: Lynette Troyer.

Walking to another enjoyable performance is director, Mr. Gerald Rasler.



Choreography to "Celebrate" adds an exciting climax to the Sound of Friends segment of Spring Thing.

"Farm Song" is an audience favorite with props of pitch forks and aprons.



## NORTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Class Officers: FRONT ROW: Dawn Swihart, Carol Snider, Dee Pendleton. SECOND ROW: Tim Ryman, Patrice Eash, Rusty Graber, Donna Smith. BACK ROW: Mark Fisher, Donya Houser, Craig Yoder, Jeannie Graber, Dave Mockler, Kerry Cripe.

Working on his drafting assignment, Kerry Cripe welcomes a short interruption.

A smile of thanks lights Bev Cox's face as she thinks of a wish.



Tricked into kissing his own mother, Rick Robinson looks rather sheepish, while Mrs. Robinson, Carol Snider, and Deb Oesch share a good laugh.

Not practicing Karate, Joel Ryman, Pat Tarr, Craig Yoder, Sandy Outman and Rusty Graber rehearse a Sound of Friends' number.





# KEEPING NHS AT A PEAK OF EXCITEMENT

If you ever visit Northridge after summer school is over, you will notice the long dark hallways, and you will hear each footstep echo loudly as you walk. You may go by your old locker, looking for something personal still remaining; but there is nothing, only cold dismal halls. There are no people, and the school seems like a tomb. During the school year, all of this is different: there is fun and a kind of excitement when the halls are crowded with friends and classmates. This was an exciting year at NHS, with activities to spark interest in almost everyone. Athletic events throughout the year were enjoyed by hundreds of enthusiastic fans and players. Several organizations planned special outings, including a biology trip to Florida and one to Mexico for Spanish students. Of course, the prom and the crowning of Queen Karen Kurtz and King Bill Sonner were exciting too and will be remembered in a special way. Earlier in the spring, the cast and crew members of "The Miracle Worker," as well as director Mary Zimmer, presented the community with an excellent production. Throughout the year, band and choir concerts were also exciting. Hours of practice were put into each performance; audiences sensed this and showed their appreciation. In addition, after-dances were enjoyed by many students, whether actually dancing or just being there. The Art Show, organized by Jan Harnish, displayed student work reflecting craftsmanship and originality. All in all, this was an exciting year at NHS, one made possible only by people - by you.



Hard to catch, Donya Houser is snapped between events during a track meet.

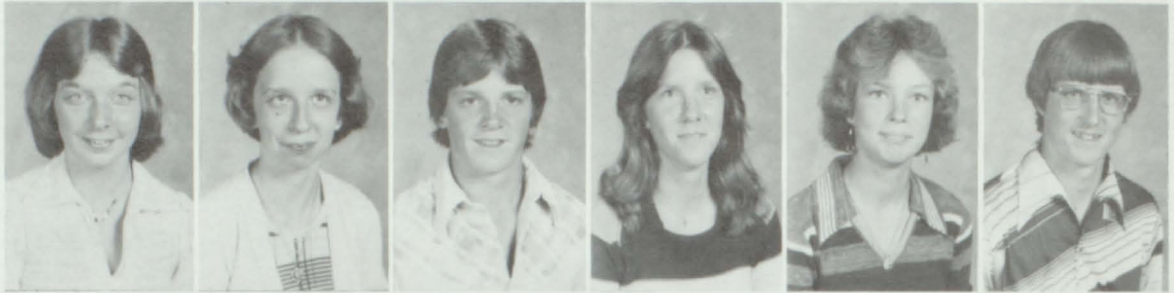


# Freshmen Start Their Climb

Vickie Adkins  
David Ambrose  
Sandy Amsden  
Tony Anderson  
Denna Armstrong  
Marvin Bailey



Kris Baker  
Jolinda Barden  
Brent Bardo  
Heidi Bauer  
Amy Baxter  
Ron Biller



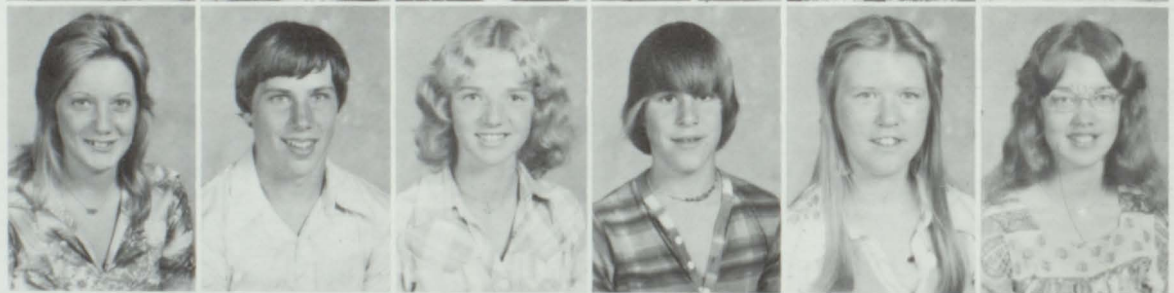
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Brian Bontrager  
Jane Bontrager  
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Ron Brenneman  
Mike Brumley



Jenny Carlson  
Julia Caton  
Alana Cattell  
Mark Christman  
Roger Chupp  
Cherylee Clemens



Kim Cline  
Kerry Cripe  
Suzette DeKay  
Jon Dietz  
April Dirck  
Julie Dunithan



Lana Ellis  
Billy Fireline  
Kathy Flynn  
Todd Franklin  
Daniel Fry  
Lori Gage







Lynn Gagich  
Jim Galt  
Jim Geyer  
Frank Gill  
Dan Gilson  
Steve Gonzales



Connie Goody  
Jeff Harris  
Dale Hart  
Mike Hatfield  
Art Hayes  
Bob Heign



Ray Helmuth  
Scott Hancock  
Jeff Hershberger  
Gwen Hochstedler  
Pam Hochstetler  
Ray Hoffman



Tonia Hodd  
Brad Hooley  
Missy Huber  
Kathy Huys  
Susan Inman  
Mark Jackson



Nancy Jacquez  
Sylvia Jenkins  
Susan Jock  
Ron Johnson  
Virginia Johnson  
Julie Kantner



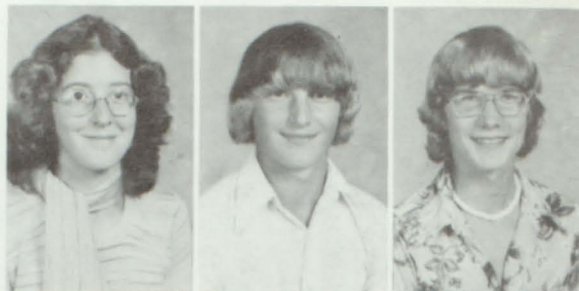
Exercises on the upper deck begin freshman Phys. Ed. classes.



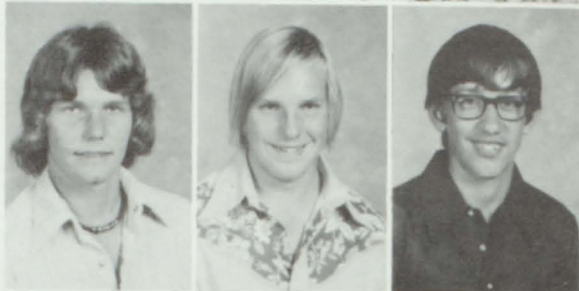
Bass tuba playing requires concentration,  
as demonstrated by Don Prough in jazz  
band.



Jody Kauffman  
Bob Keil  
Dennis Kern



Bob Kindel  
Quinn Klinefelter  
Terry Knepp



Sherri Kropf  
Karla Kurtz  
Laura Laffoon



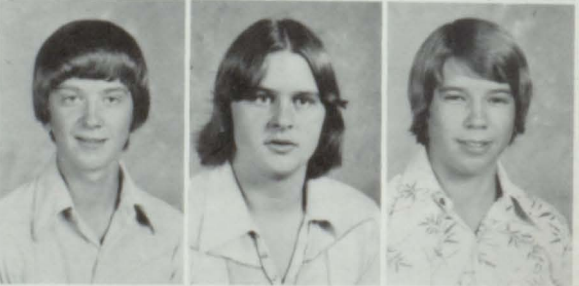
Heidi Lehman  
Dallas Loucks  
Amy McLaughlin



Debbie Maggert  
Drema Marcum  
Mark Mast



David Miller  
Delbert Miller  
Dennis Miller



Lone freshman on the cross country team, Danny  
Yoder runs a practice course on a nearby county  
road.



# Individuals Get Involved



Diana Miller  
Diane Miller  
Jerry Miller  
Linda Miller  
Mary Miller  
Mike Miller



Penny Milier  
Rosann Miller  
Steve Miller  
Dave Mockler  
Michelle Morgan  
Sandy Morris



Jim Mullet  
Clark Mumaw  
Patricia Nettrouer  
Donna Neumann  
Ann Nich  
Kelly Parker



Adam Paulson  
Debra Paulson  
Cheryl Phillips  
Chris Pletcher  
Jeff Pletcher  
Tim Price



Don Prough  
Keith Puckett  
Alan Reed  
Tami Riegsecker  
Mary Rogers  
Kent Ross



Eda Santiago  
Steve Schlabach  
Ron Schrock  
Cedric Sell  
Ken Shafer  
Jim Sherck



# First Middle School Products

Dana Shirk  
Jim Showalter  
Danny Smith  
Donna Smith  
Roland Smith  
Tom Smith



Keli Smucker  
Marianne Stafford  
Debbie Stahley  
Teresa Stahley  
Gail Stark  
Toni Starr



Thomas Stouder  
Kym Stump  
Kit Swoveland  
Jeff Tackett  
Kelly Tahara  
David Tieman



Tyler Torrance  
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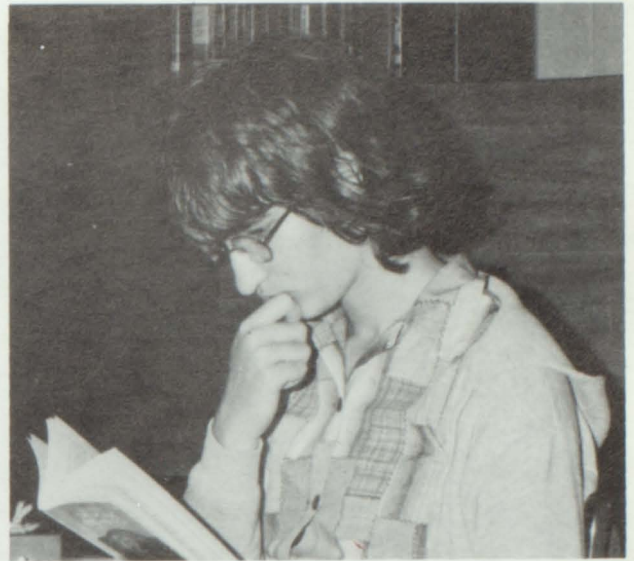


Tammy Truex  
Vanessa Tubbs  
Karon Van Fleeren  
Michael Vance  
Kris Watson  
Bart Weaver





Quietly reading, Amy McLaughlin studies in the Materials Center.



Brent Weaver  
Pat Wiggins  
Mark Wilkey

Rita Williams  
Kent Wilson  
Audie Wood

Barbara Wood  
Beverly Wood  
Angela Wyman  
Curt Yoder  
Dan Yoder

Jerry Yoder  
Jodi Yoder  
Karen J. Yoder  
Karen R. Yoder  
Lori Yoder

Myrna Yoder  
Myron Yoder  
Wade Yoder

Not Pictured:

Chris Herschberger  
Ernie McKinley  
John Spradlin  
Carolyn Williams



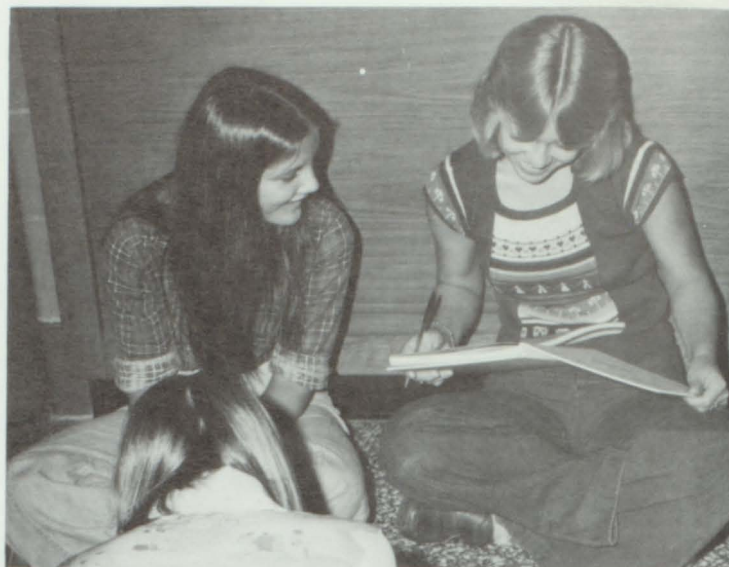
# Upper Underclassmen

Good times are recalled by Joan Brandenberger and Cheryl Hooley as Cheryl signs a friend's yearbook.

Lori Adamson  
Grace Amsden



Jeff Bainter  
Sherry Balentine



Rick Baumgartner  
Jeff Beachy  
Linda Bender  
Tim Bittner  
Jerri Blyly  
Janet Bontrager



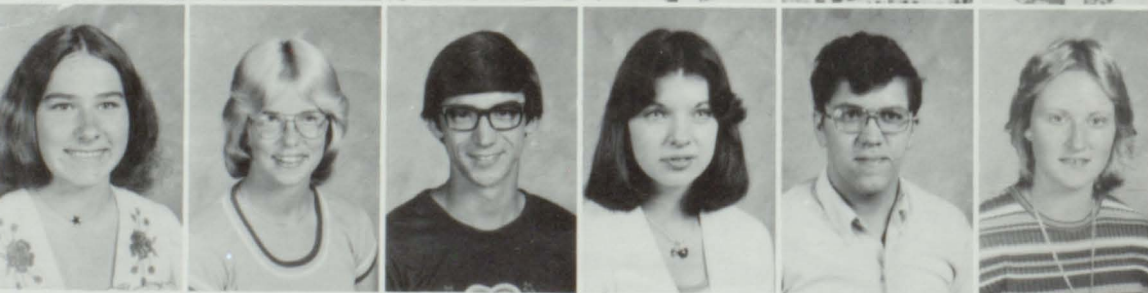
Keith Bontrager  
Joan Brandenberger  
Trish Brock  
James Bryant  
Kim Burr  
David Campbell



Andy Cardoza  
Keith Carlin  
Laurie Case  
Joe Castenando  
Kelly Chapman  
Rick Chupp



Linda Clawson  
Ricklyn Cox  
Jeff Craig  
Beth Cripe  
Lavern Cross  
Carolyn Cuthbert







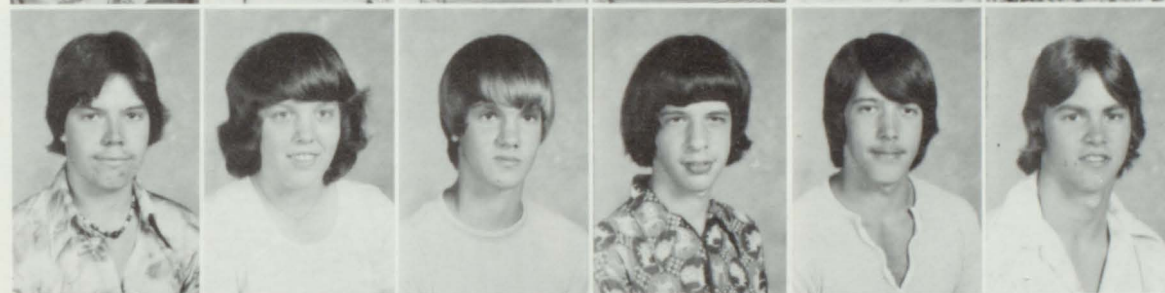
Project in Industrial Arts interests Kerry Frye, Rick Tackett, Norman Thomas and Dave Gilson.



Angie Davidson  
Brenda Davis  
Shari Doutlick



Curtis Ellis  
Gary Enos  
Mariann Evans  
Jackie Fingerle  
Tony Fingerle  
Guy Fisher



John Forster  
Dana Foster  
Kerry Frye  
Tim Ganger  
John Garman  
Dave Gilson



Janice Gingerich  
Pauline Glenn  
Martha Glick  
John Goody  
Angie Graber  
Jeannie Graber



Rusty Graber  
Terri Grove  
Jane Hampton  
Kathy Herschberger  
Kirby Herschberger  
Jake Hershberger



# Float Winners At Homecoming

Steve Hochstetler  
Cheryl Hooley  
Stan Hoover  
Terri Hughes  
Charles Hunt  
Richard Jacquez



Elizabeth Jacquez  
Jan Jines  
Devon Johnson  
Sam Kauffman  
Sheila Kauffman  
Vince Keil



Bonnie Keim  
Jeff Klaer  
Jill Klaer  
Jim Kleckner  
Kevin Koch  
Doug Kohli



Terry Lands  
Duane Leach  
Howard LeCount  
Kathy Lee  
Lucinda Long  
Marti Looney



Debbi Lundy  
Nick Magyer  
Kimberly Martin  
Cindy Mast  
Carolyn Mauck  
Donald Mauck



Kris Merrick  
Jeff Meyer  
Brad Miller  
Charle Miller  
Donita Miller  
Jim Miller





Toy binoculars in hand, Dilynn Zook plays detective in Raider Rockettes' "Police Story" routine.



Sounds of "Magi" fill the cafeteria as Marc Slabach and Kim Burt bump at the Semi-formal.

Joyce Miller  
Kathy Miller  
Maria Miller

Mike Miller  
Ron Miller  
Ruth Miller

Robin Moore  
Teresa Moore  
Don Muhlneckel

Lisa Nethercutt  
Leonard Nielson  
Sara Nusbaum

Scot O'Dell  
Sandy Outman  
Dee Pendleton

David Penrose  
Tracy Peterson  
Virginia Pletcher



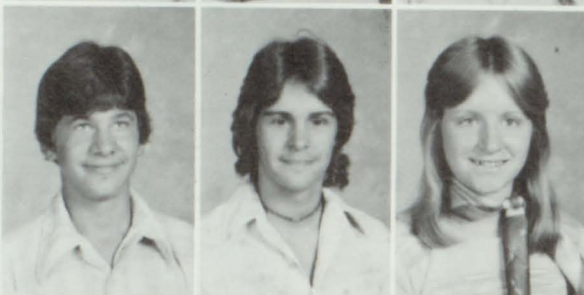
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Randy Rice  
Jim Riegsecker



Bob Rink  
Delores Ritchie  
Kyra Rood



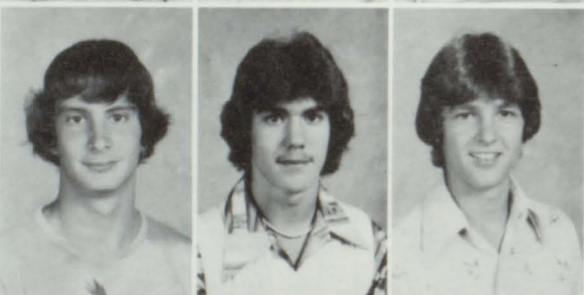
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Debra Schrock  
Dan Sellers  
Rene Shafer



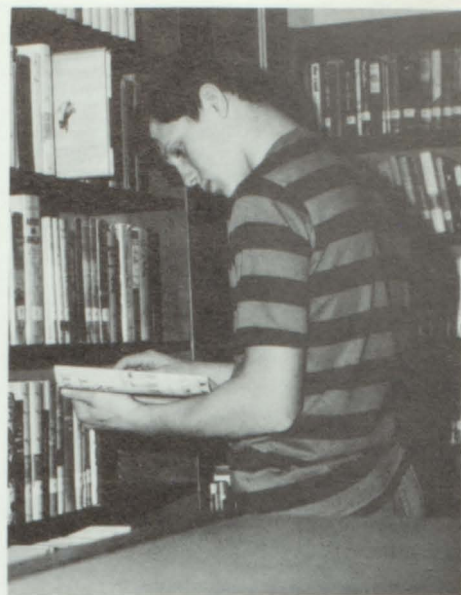
Ron Sherck  
Jeff Slabach  
Marc Slabach



Tim Stahley  
Valerie Stahley  
Linda Stark



Fiction in the Materials Center proves interesting reading for James Bryant.



Ingredients for punch are carried by Semi-formal server Mariann Evans.

Scene One of "The Miracle Worker" features sophomores Keith Carlin (Captain Keller), Jan Jines (Kate Keller), and Stephan Hochstetler as the doctor.



# Sandwiched Sophomores



Kinda Stuckman  
Courtney Stump  
Joan Swanson  
Rick Tackett  
Carolyn Taylor

NOT PICTURED:  
Keith Ayrea  
Rod Bailey  
Dave Berry  
Cindy Davis  
Laurie Freese  
Robert Jenkins  
Mike Mahaffa  
Mike Wiggins



Susan Thursby  
Ellen Troyer  
Kim Truex  
Lou Ann Watson  
Valerie Weaver



Dennis Weldy  
Alan Yoder  
Brenda Yoder  
David Yoder  
Jeff Yoder



Kathy Yoder  
Kevin Yoder  
Laurie Yoder  
Lisa Yoder  
Myra Yoder



Steven Yoder  
Yvonne Yoder



Douglas Yoder  
DiLynn Zook

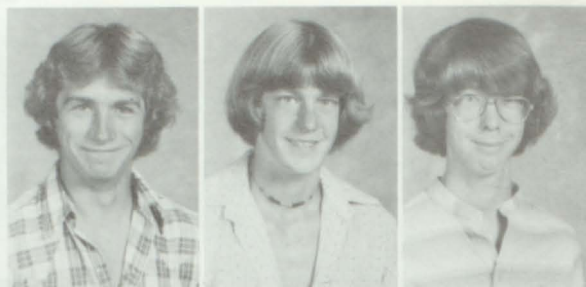


# "Junior Schooners"



College catalogue and the advice of counselor Mr. Jim Rhodes help answer Brian Fry's question.

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Tony Ambrose  
Brian Beattie



Bryan Beecham  
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Randy Bender



Marsha Black  
Vicki Bloom  
Jeannie Brandenberger



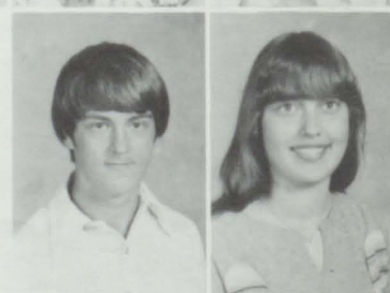
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Annette Christman



Tammy Clawson  
Eric Congdon  
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Patrice Eash  
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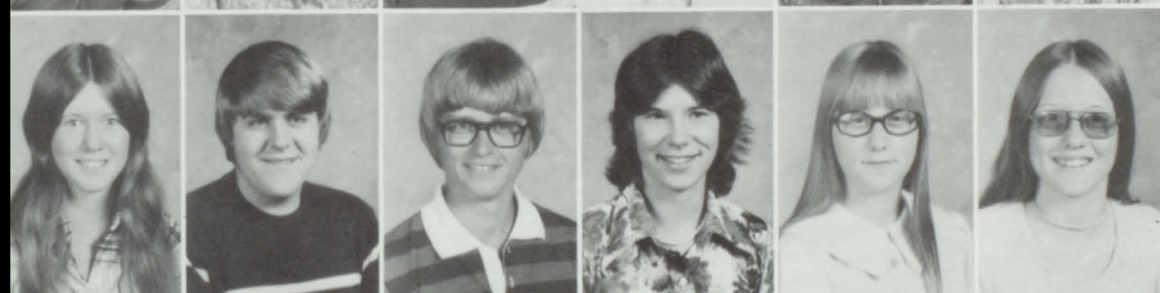
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Debi Hawkins  
Kervin Hershberger



Randy Hershberger  
Karen Hochstetler  
Patty Hochstetler  
Marty Hostetler  
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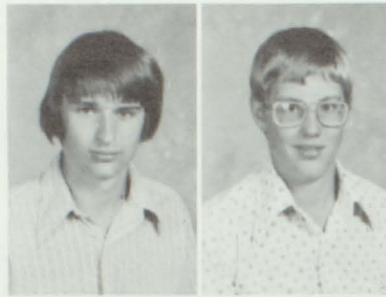


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Bob Liddell  
Ron Lundy  
Richard Lynema  
John McClane  
Debra McCraner



Football action is watched by Randy Hershberger, Joe Gerwels, Marlin Wallace, and Randy Graber, as Randy Bender lends vocal support.

Ken Mahaffa  
Dan Mansfield



Sara Mast  
Amy Metzler



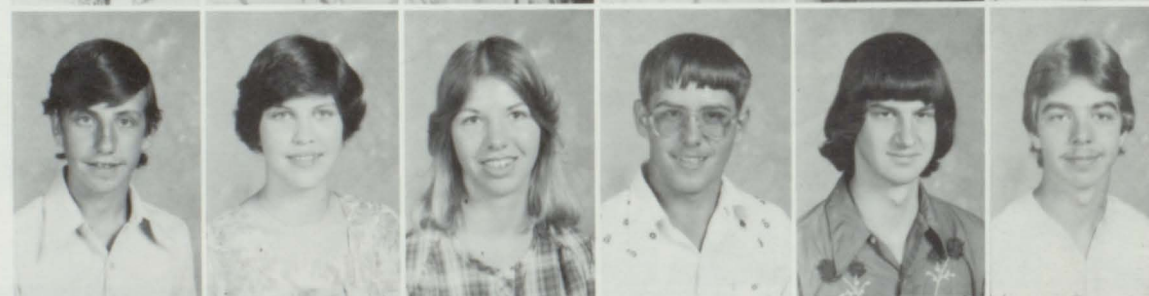
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Bob Nettrouer



Bill Nich  
Liz Overpeck  
Cindy Pegg  
Jeff Phillips  
Roger Pollock  
Keith Roberts



Ron Robinson  
Marla Ross  
Denise Ryman  
Stacey Sailor  
Neraida Santiago  
Dianne Schlagenhauf





Carefully filling out a note card, Debi Hawkins researches her term paper subject.

# Term Papers Written



Cheryl Schrock  
Jeff Schrock  
Pam D. Schrock



Pam K. Schrock  
Shirley Schrock  
Bob Schumacher



Michele Searer  
Tim Sell  
David Shoup  
Kevin Smeltzer  
Marleta Smith  
Randy Smith



Carol Snider  
Bruce Snyder  
Cindy Spearow  
Rick Stayton  
Robyn Stevens  
Delores Stout



Denise Summers  
Kent Sutton  
Phil Sutton  
Joy Swanson  
Marcia Swarm  
Norman Thomas



Gene Troyer  
Randy Troyer  
Marlin Wallace  
Bonnie Weaver  
Rick Weaver  
Jerry Weirich



# Exploring Ourselves

Absorbed in listening to a Campus Life rap Session, Dean Miller and Rod Lantz reflect on the ideas presented.

Claudia Weldy  
Debbie Weldy



Dorie Wilkey  
Tina Williams



Lorraine Wills  
Tim Wolfinger



Pat Woods  
Todd Wyse



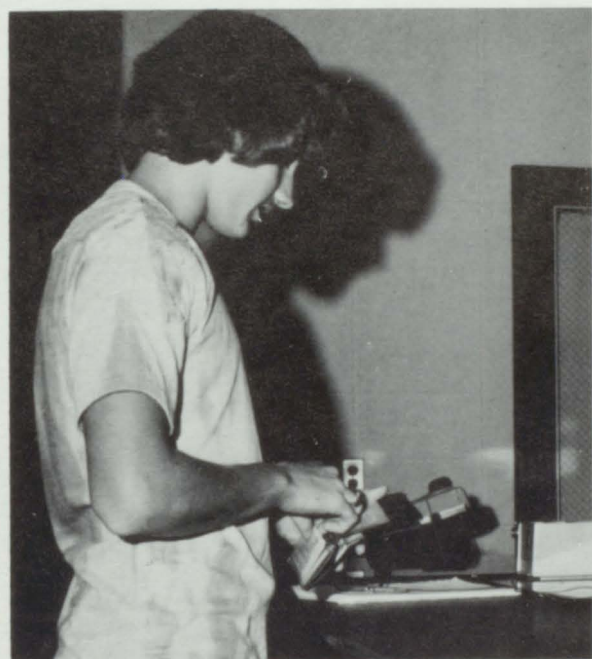
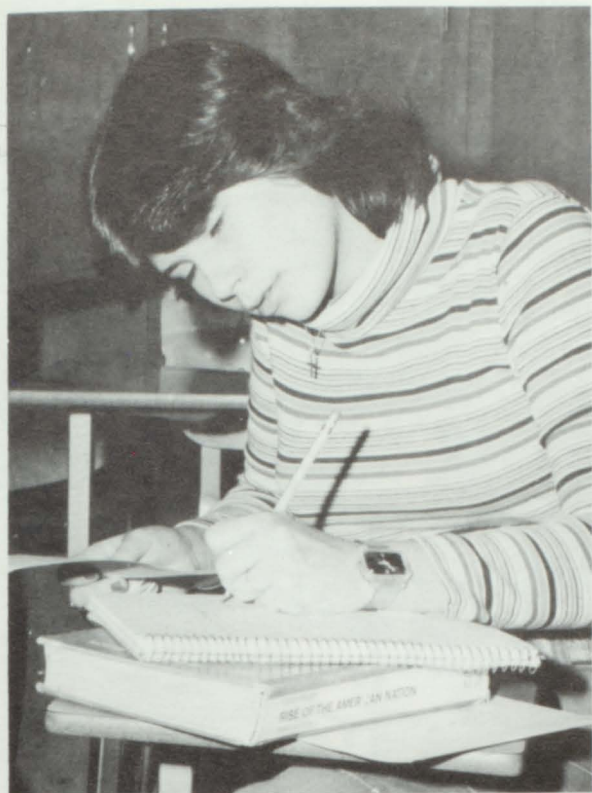
Carl Yoder  
Chris Yoder



Bench in front lobby provides a place for Patrice Eash, Carol Snider and Marla Ross to share in signing a yearbook.

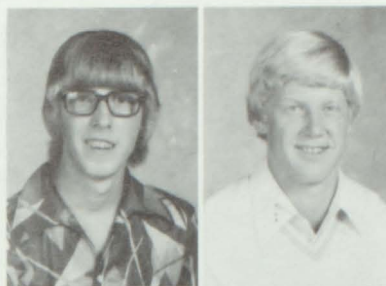


Concentration shows on the face of Cindy Kern while she studies history.



Searching for his Materials Center card, Rick Weaver prepares to check out a book.

NOT PICTURED:  
Cindy Clark  
Dirk Teitsma



Clifford Yoder  
Craig Yoder



Greg Yoder  
Jeff Yoder



Lisa Yoder  
Richard Yoder



Ryan Yoder  
Scott Yoder



Todd Yoder  
Tim Zirkle







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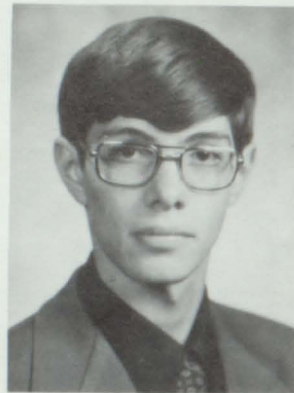


# High Grades Earn Recognition

Seniors with 3.50 GPA and higher. FRONT ROW: Sally Torrance, Bill Sonner, Karen Kurtz, LuCinda Oldfather, Debi Oesch, Alicen Terry, Shelly Rouch, Beth Snider, Julia Weaver. SECOND ROW: Delores Miller, Carla Wyse, JoAnn Graber, Karen Westerbeck, Greg Puckett, Maxine Troyer, Rachael Herman. BACK ROW: Phil Hochstetler, Julie Bardo, Tim Ryman, Tara Kindy, Phil Pressler, Mark Fisher, Tim Tahara, Kent Yoder, Merle Yoder, Anita Mock, Carol Slabach.



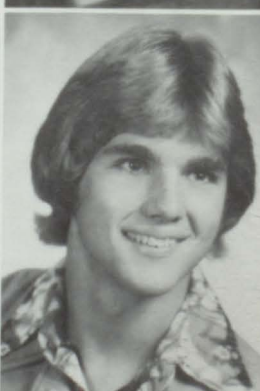
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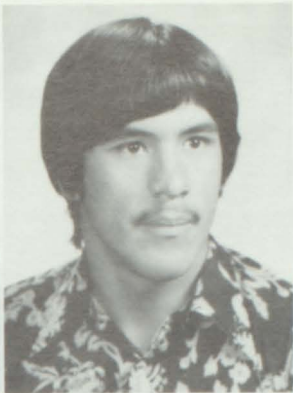
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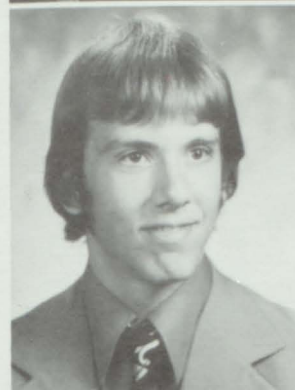
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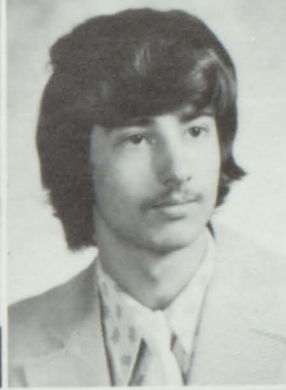




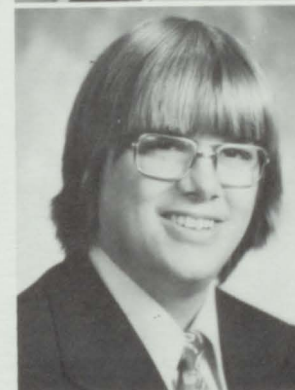
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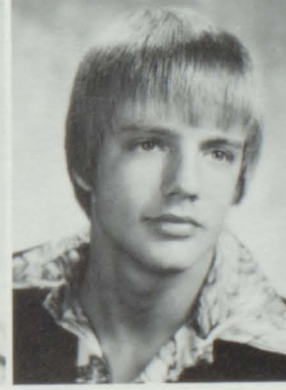
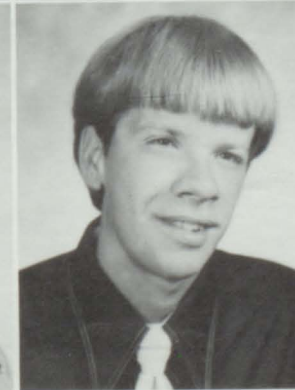
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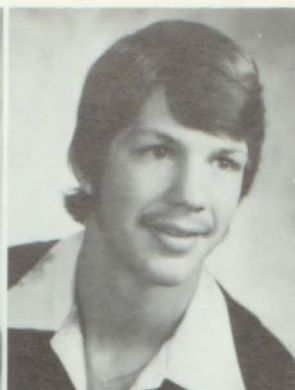
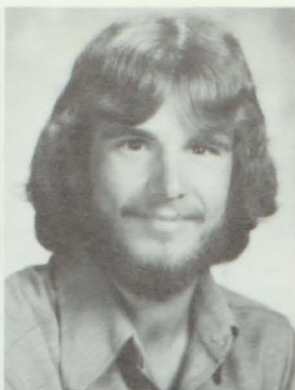
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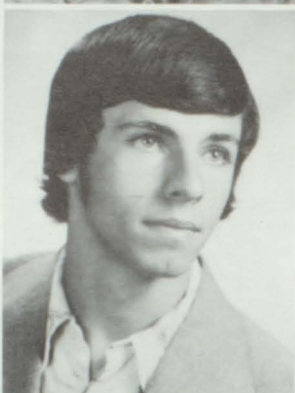
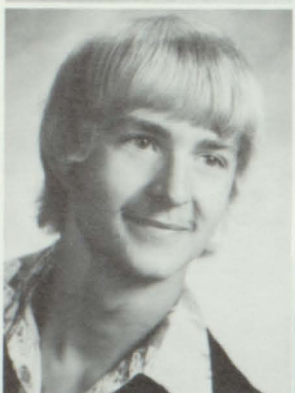
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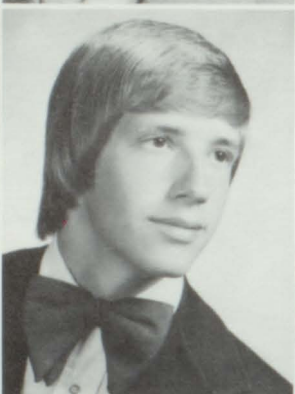
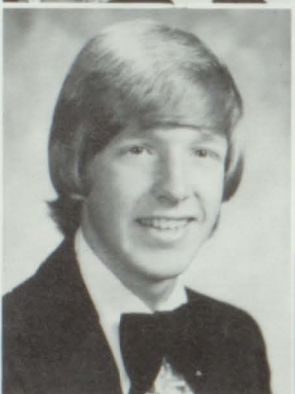
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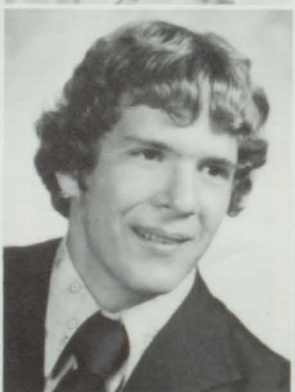
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Ronald Lee Keim  
Connie Lynn Kerwood



Tara Lyn Kindy  
Jack R. Klaer  
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## Sharing A Few Moments

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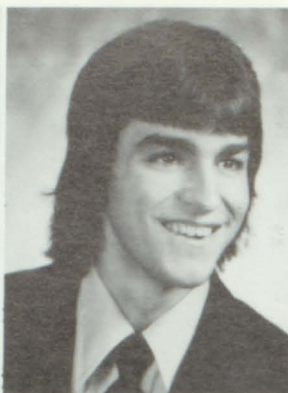
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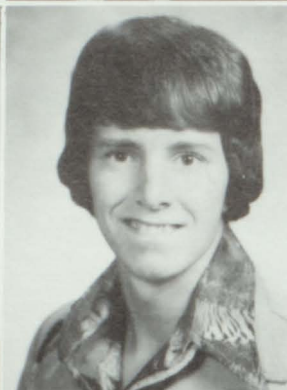
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## Our Southern Neighbor

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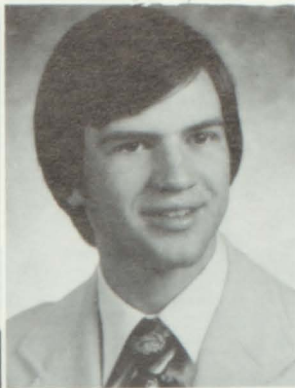
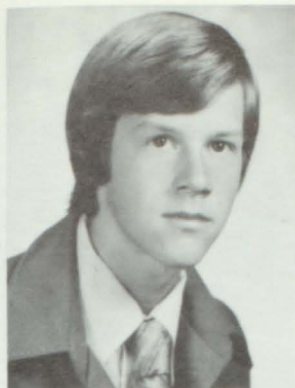
As an exchange student, I had the opportunity to come to America to learn your language, to learn about your culture and I also could share with you wonderful moments and get a lot of friends. All these things I have learned from you will be very valuable to me in my future career as a journalist.

Northridge High School, the community of Middlebury and the Goshen area in general, are now a part of me and in the future, when I go back to Ecuador, they'll have a very special place in my heart; as you also will.

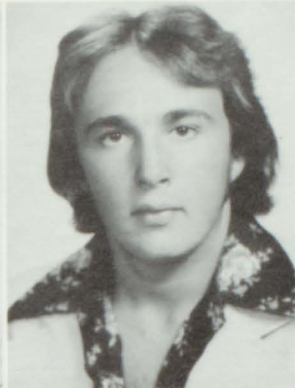
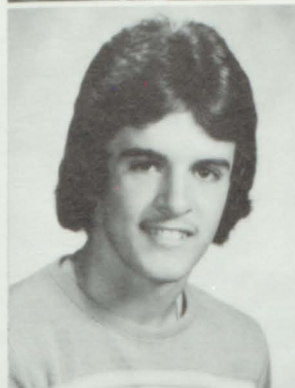
Adios Queridos Amigos  
Good Bye dear friends: Pat Ruiz



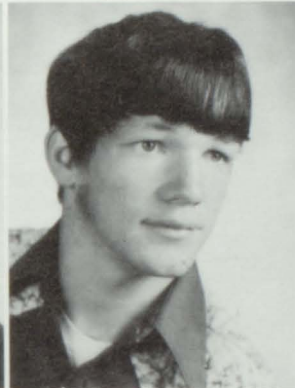
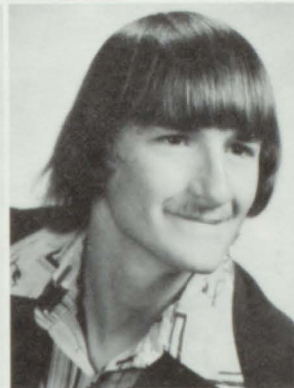




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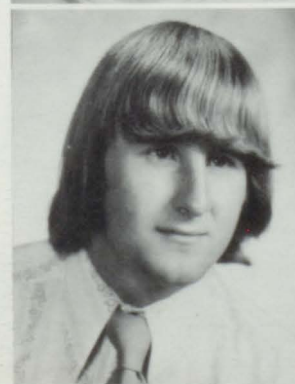
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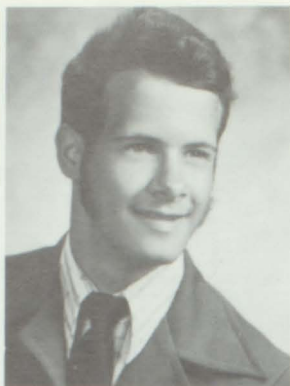
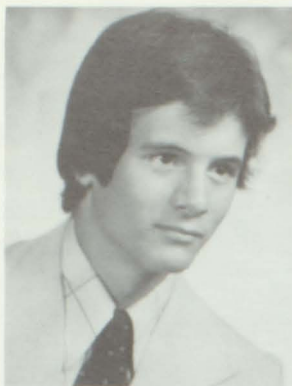
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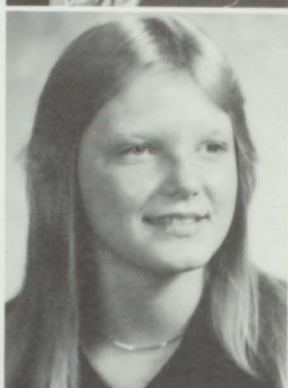
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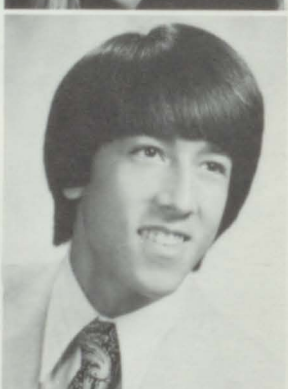
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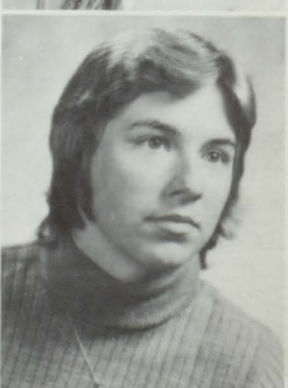
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# Seniors Wind It Up

Sally Kathleen Torrance



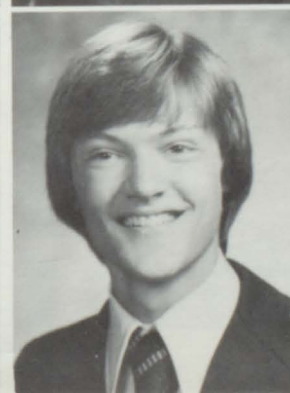
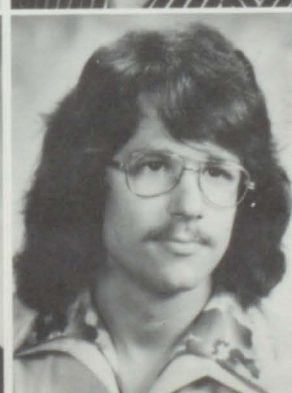
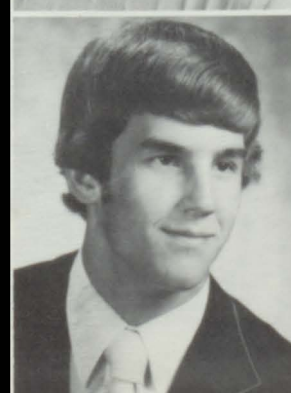
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Regina Louise White  
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Carla Rae Wyse



Kent Brian Yoder  
Marlon D. Yoder  
Marle Eugene Yoder  
Steven Ray Yoder



# *We Will Never Pass This Way Again*

Class officers Patrice Eash and Carol Snider present Esther Santiago with a rose.

In the history of N.H.S., Pat Ruiz is the first foreign exchange student to ever give a speech at graduation.



Concert Choir sang two songs "Movin' On" and "Corner of the Sky," dedicated to the seniors.

Graduation is a time of mixed emotions and confused thoughts. "Where do I go?" "What do I do?" are just a few of the questions that seniors ask. 138 seniors graduated from the class of 1977. Exercises were held on Sunday, May 29, at 2:30 p.m.

The processional "Pomp and Circumstance" was played by the band directed by Miss Mary Ulrey. Mr. Rasler directed the Concert Choir in two songs "Corner of the Sky" and "Movin' On," while the senior members later sang their final song written by Chuck Morris and Anita Mock.

Class speakers were: Mark Fisher, Debi Oesch, Tim Ryman and Pat Ruiz. Then the long awaited presentation of diplomas by Mr. George Tilley. Along with the diplomas twelve years of hard work now comes to an end.



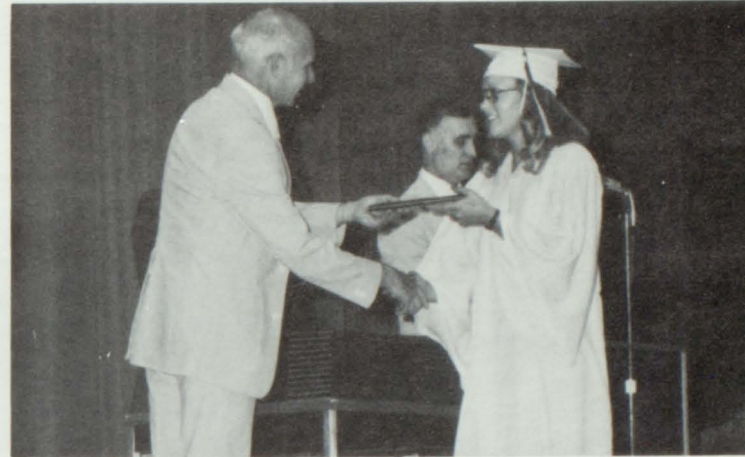




Seniors bow their heads in a moment of prayer.



Mr. George Tilley presents Ronnie Swoveland with her diploma.



Embracing happily, Maxine Troyer and Tim Ryman express their feelings about graduation.



Graduation is a good time to grab a hug as Mike Overpeck has found out.



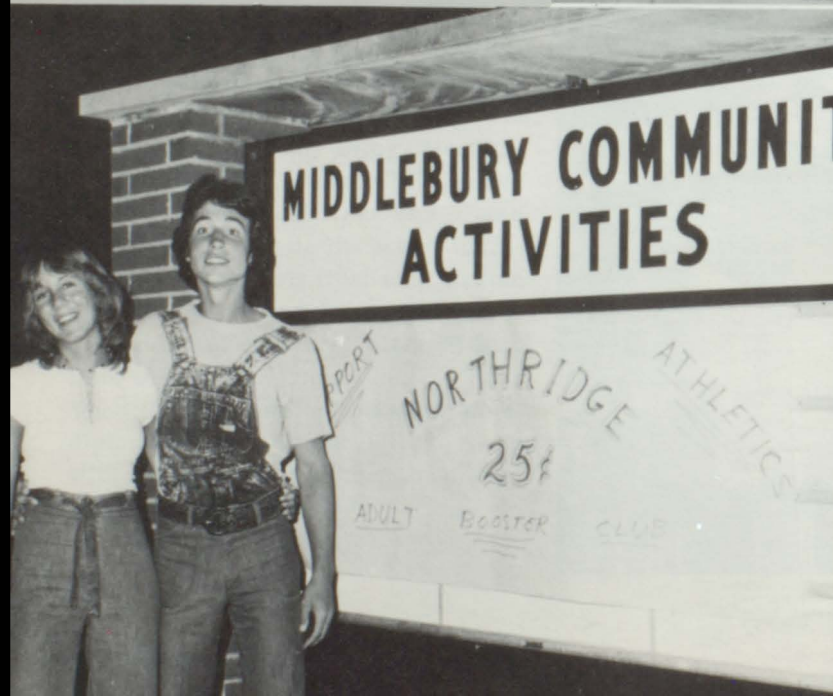
With people lining Main Street, a police escort moves slowly through the only stop light during the Summer Festival.

A tense moment, the winner of the Middlebury Junior Miss Pageant is about to be announced.



Standing beside an Adult Booster Club poster, Cheryl Schrock and Randy Troyer encourage people to sign up.

Unable to contain their enthusiasm, two Raider fans shout their encouragement.





# SUPPORT FROM THE OUTSIDE

Publication of the Shield is a non-profit activity, and students pay only a percentage of the publisher's cost; advertisements pay for the balance. Without these ads, there could be no yearbook. This year, more area businesses have bought advertising space than ever before. Because a large percentage of Shield supporters comes from Middlebury itself, as the town grows so does the number of advertisements. And the town is growing! Middlebury is in the process of acquiring a public park, establishing a local library, and building a bicycle trail from downtown to Northridge and Heritage. Three main industries attract a working force of over 4,000 people who commute to Middlebury each working day. These industries, as well as many smaller ones, buy advertising space each year. Other communities too have contributed, from Shipton to Elkhart, and from White Pigeon to New Paris. A special "Thank you" is extended to every business that purchased an ad; you have helped to bring the Shield to its peak of production.

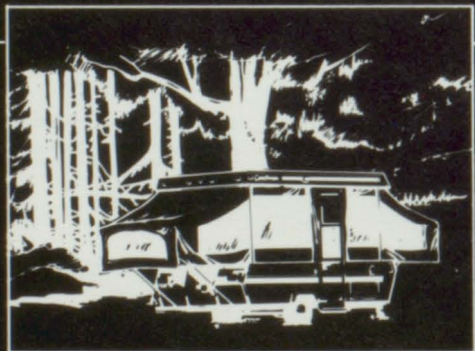
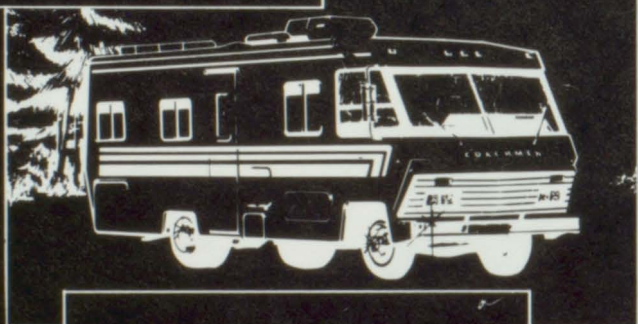


A hand clap from one adult fan gives the football team support when the going gets tough.



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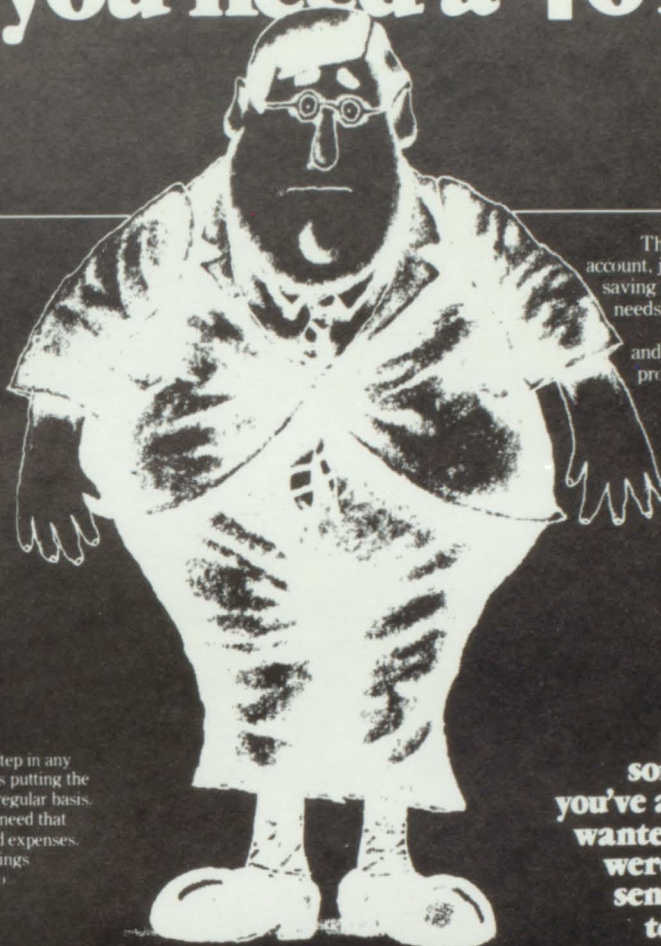
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**Save for something you've always wanted but were too sensible to get.**



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**Make sure you've got the money when you've finally got the time.**



Retirement is when your savings account replaces your pay check. Your savings program should supplement the income you will receive from Social Security and pension programs. If you are not covered by a private pension program, look into a Gold Retirement Account (IRA), and the tax advantages it offers.



**If you can't keep your hand out of the cookie jar you'll never have any cookies.**

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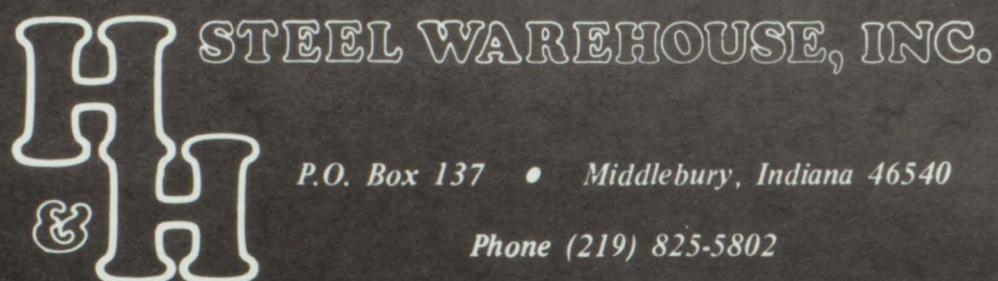


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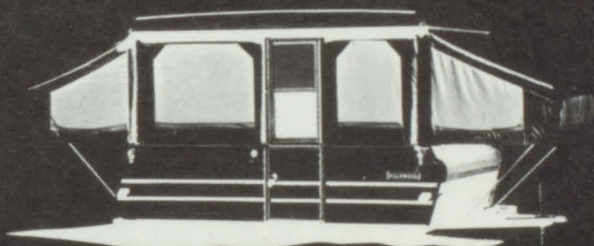
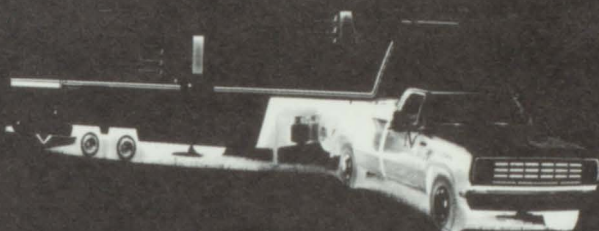
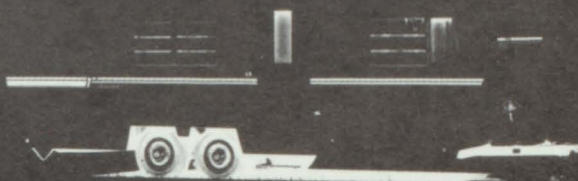
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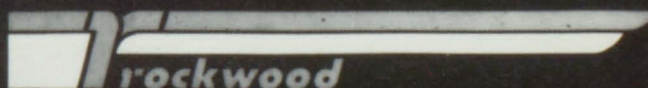


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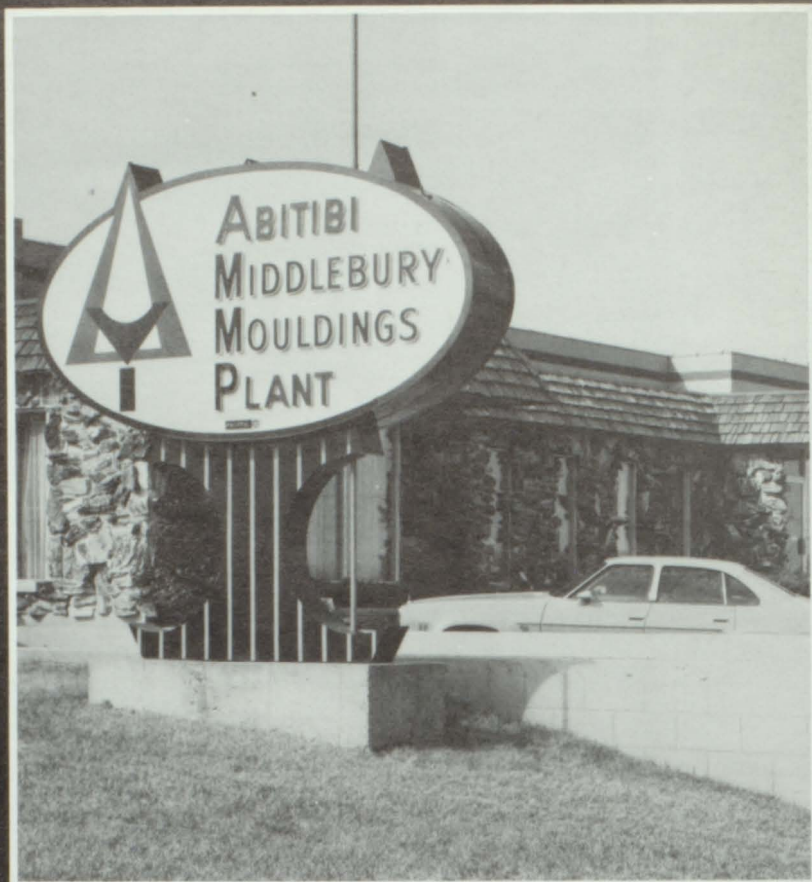


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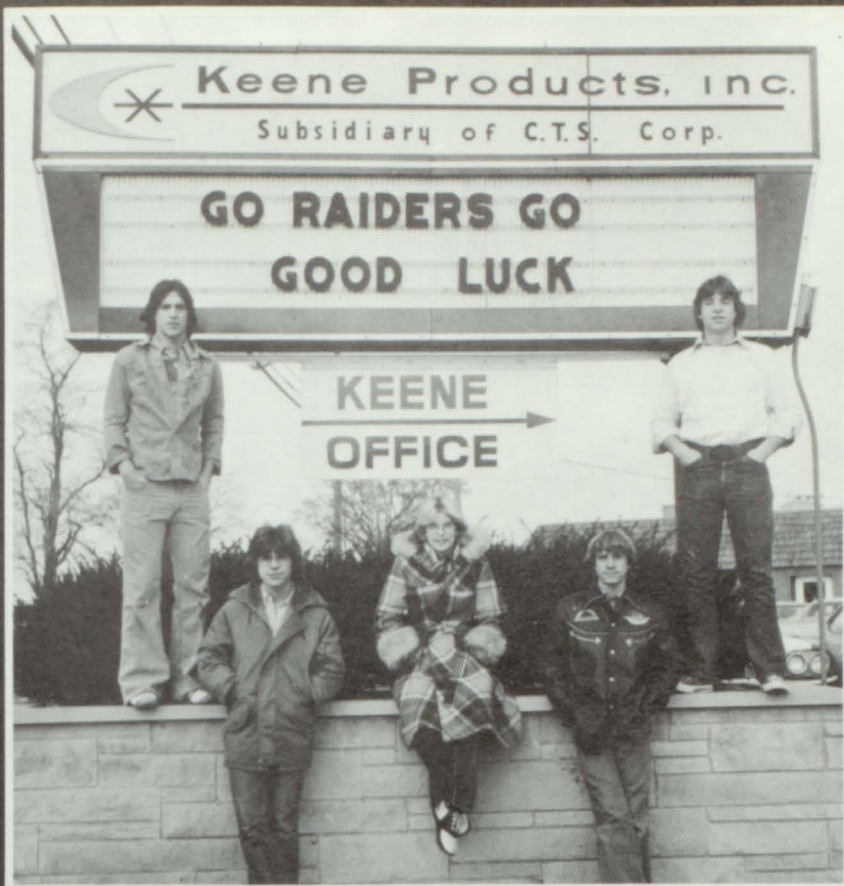
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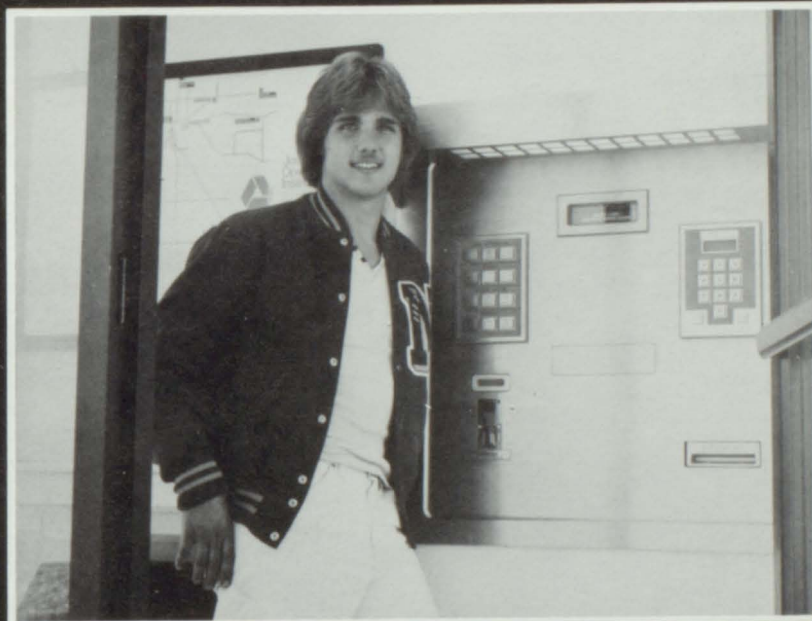


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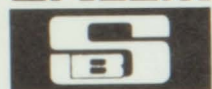


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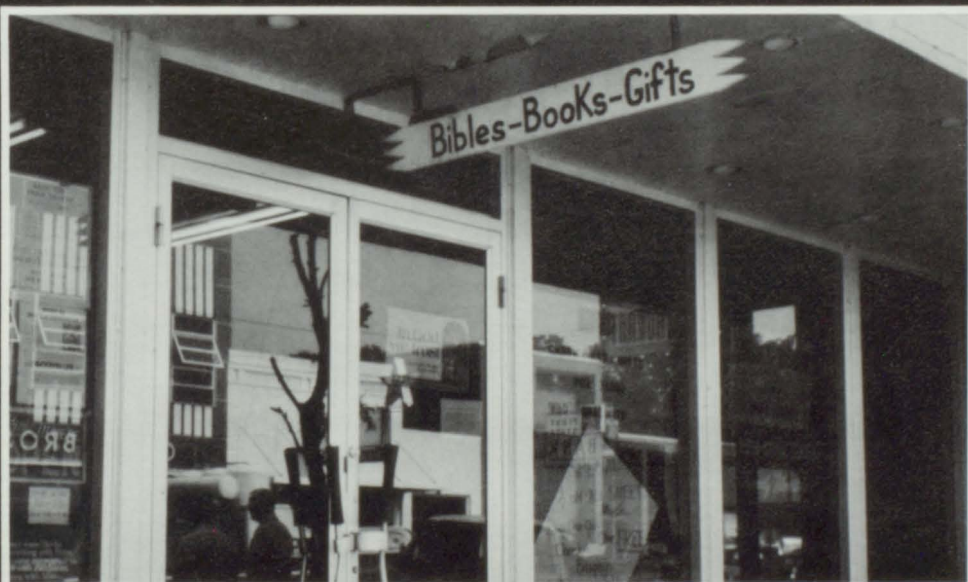
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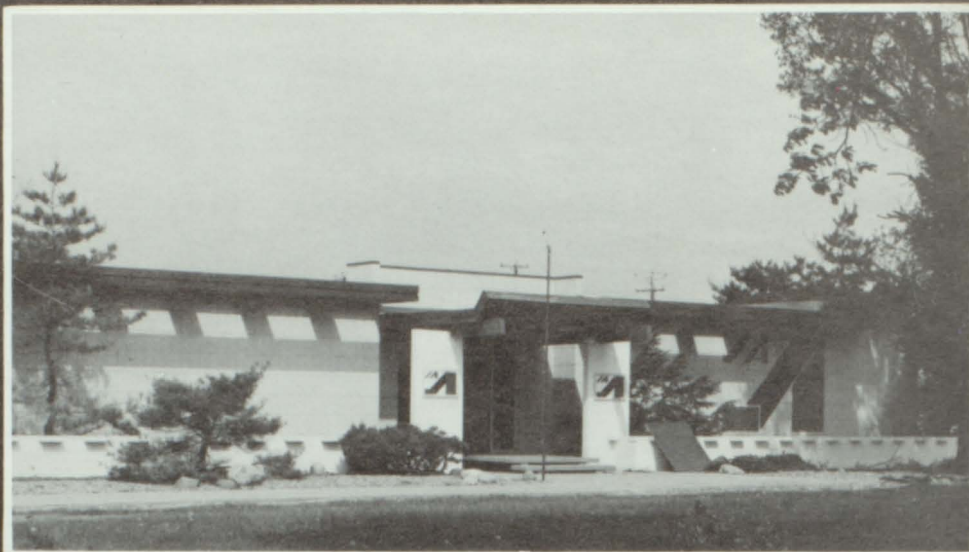


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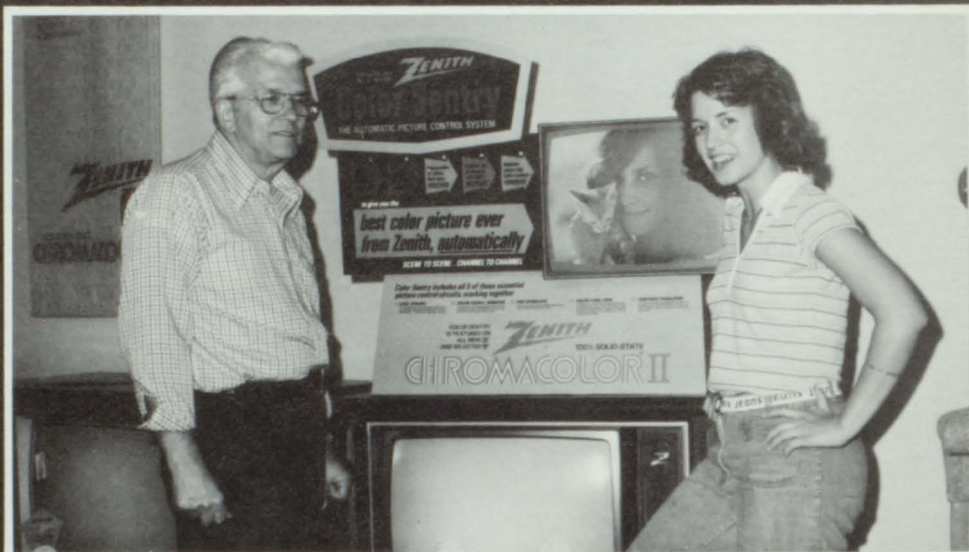
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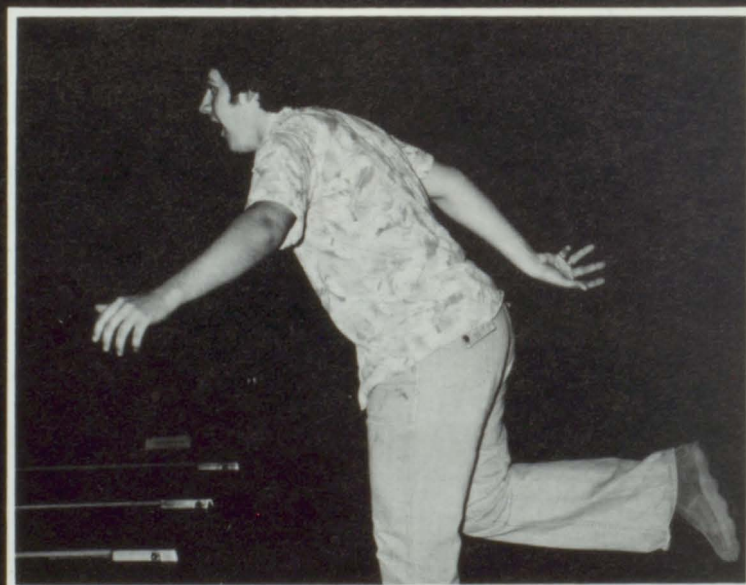
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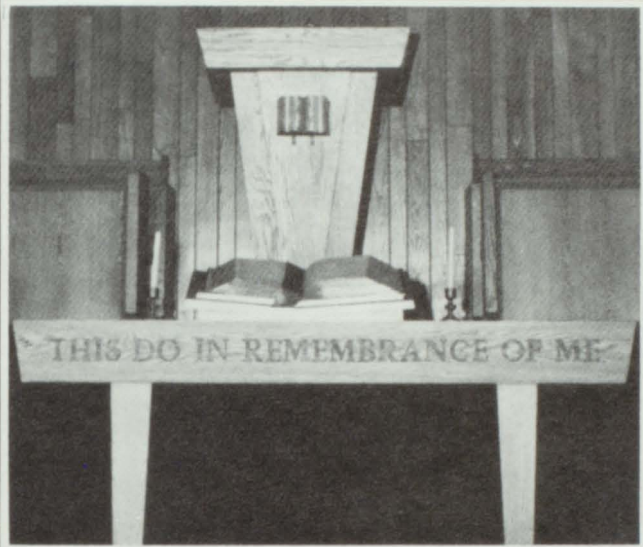




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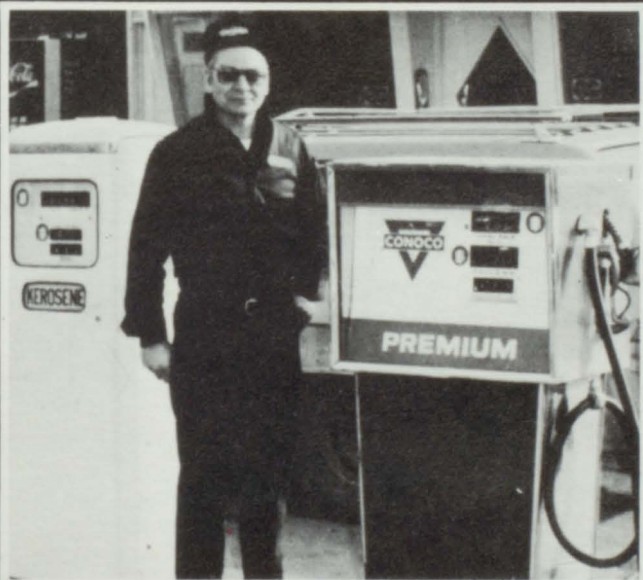
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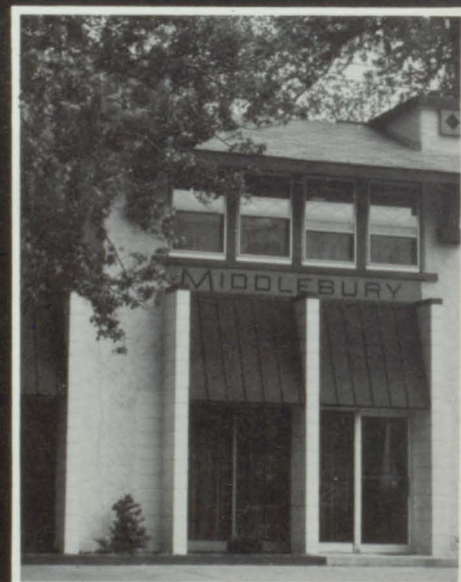
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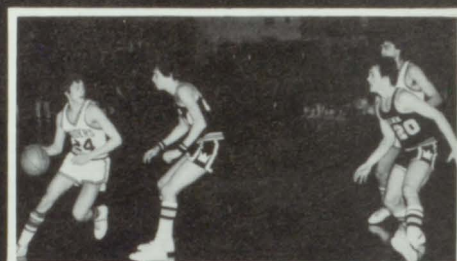
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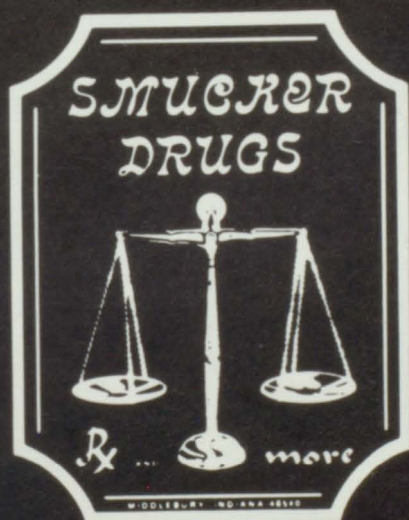




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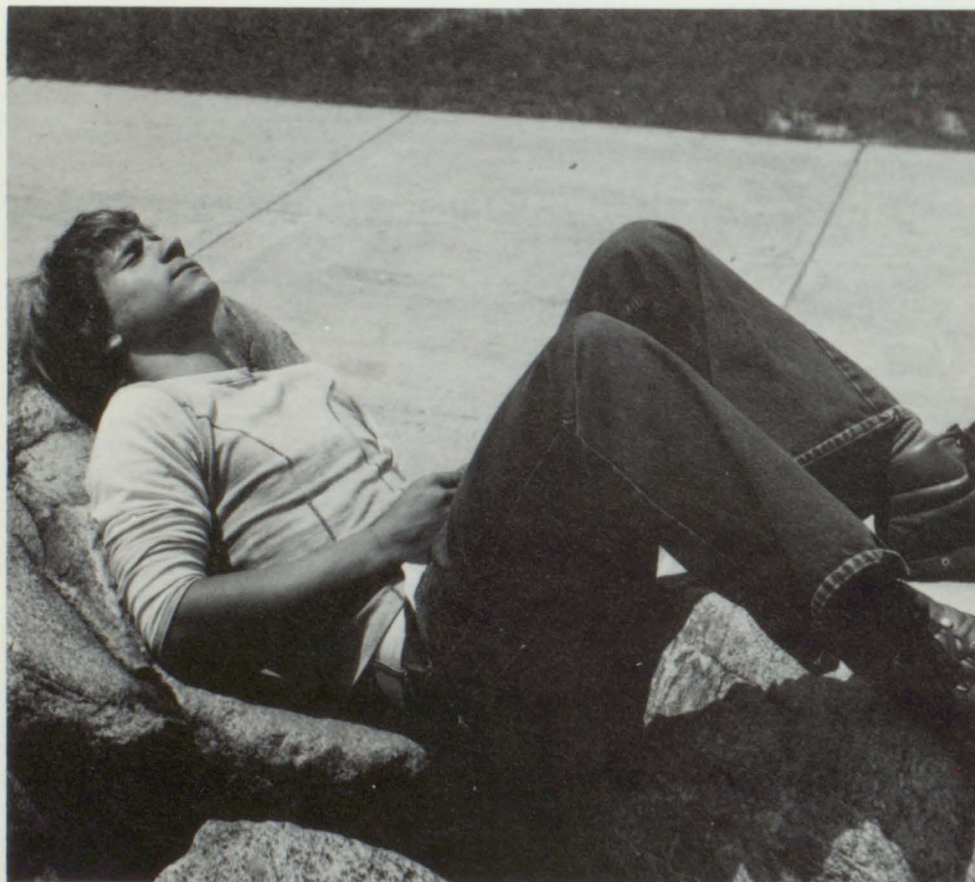
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# GROWING TOWARDS OUR PEAK

The school year drags on for some students, while for others it is an open door that closes too soon. Northridge has grown, not only physically but also in the scope of its influence. Involvement in athletic events, musical performances, drama, and organizations all reflect the growth of Northridge High School. A planned addition to the building will increase the physical size, and with the new space will come new courses. Northridge is at its peak, a growing school to keep up with a growing community.

Obviously Jeff Meyer would rather be outside than in.



Half time includes an appearance of the Dole Pineapple and the Cheshire Cat.

Karen Kurtz and Chris Bowers celebrate as their high school career comes to an end.

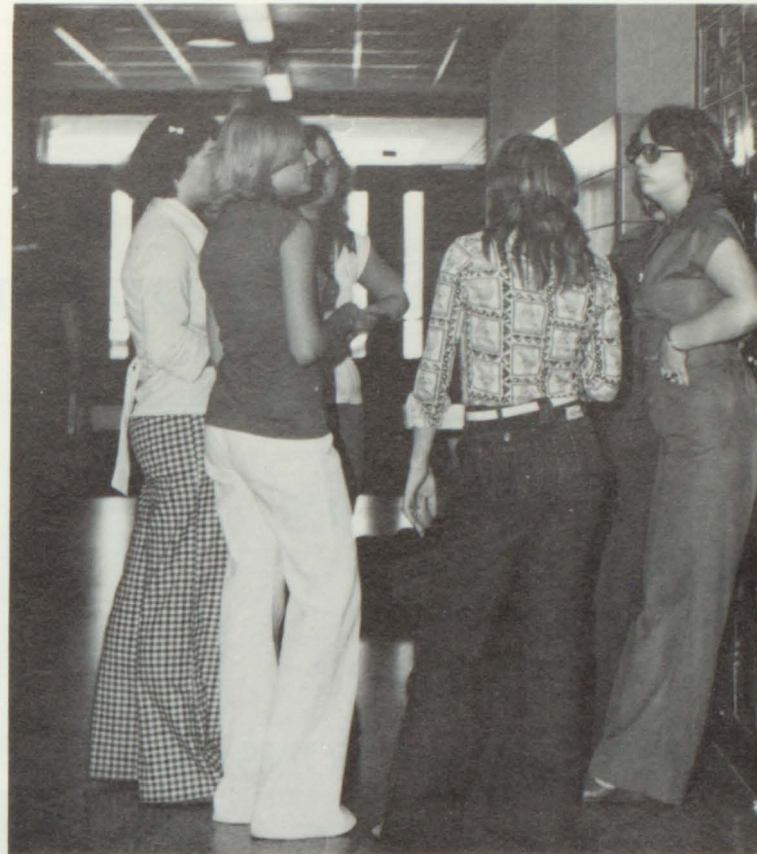




Sabrina Bontrager expresses excitement at her long-awaited freedom.



Sophomore girls exchange gossip while waiting for homeroom.



Senior girls catch up on their homework, while Kent Yoder, who already finished his, looks on.

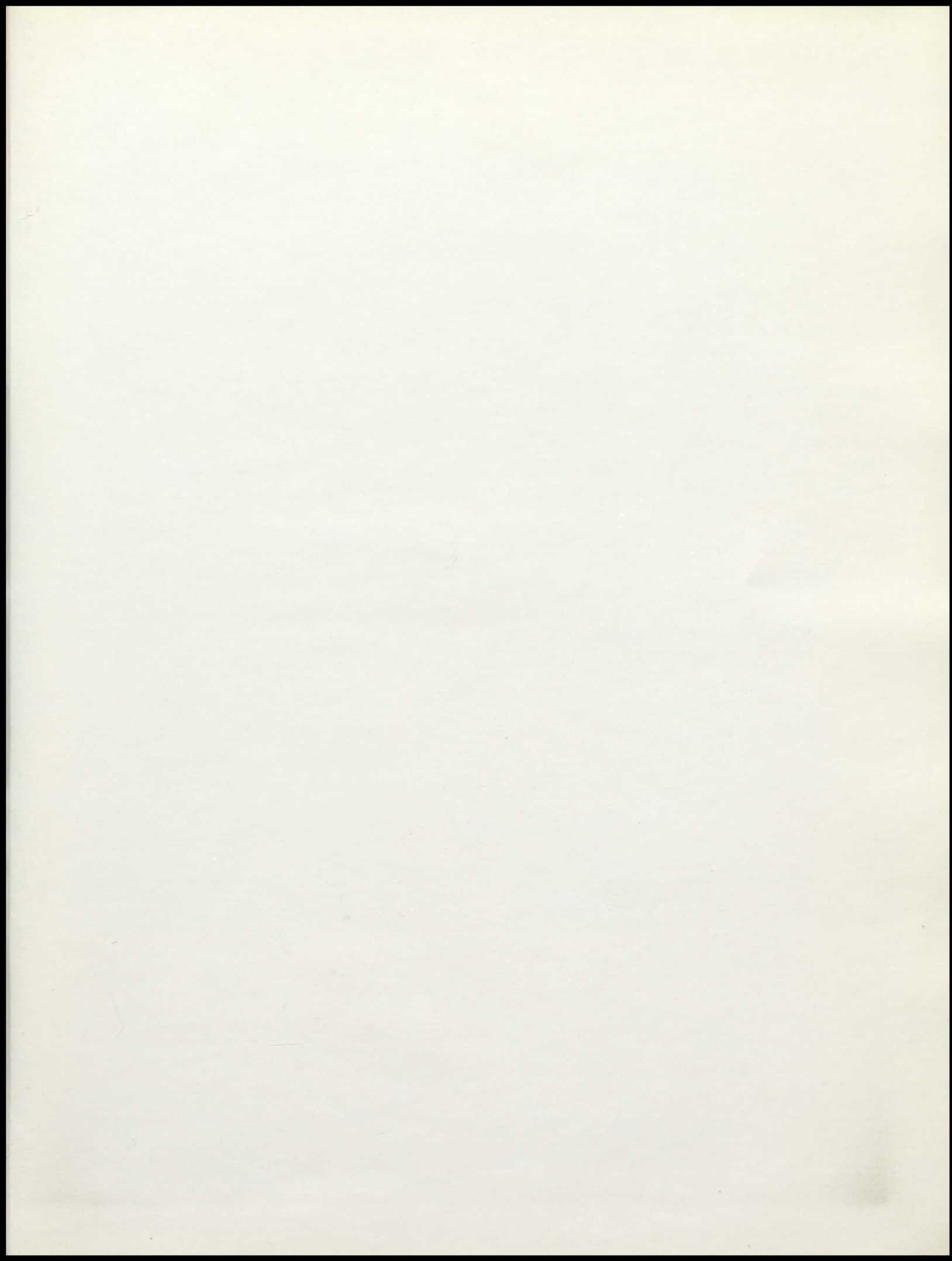


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